

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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September 13th, 2020 11:00 am
A RETURN TO IN- CHURCH WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Burke. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

We make the road by walking. Paulo Freire

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May the Joy of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us worship together!

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: God of Moses, Aaron and Miriam,

People: God made known to us in Jesus,

Leader: we gather together, opening ourselves to you, and the wonder of your love for us *all*.

People: In your holy story, where will we see ourselves? Where will we find our church?

Leader: And how will we understand our place in your gloriously diverse world?

People: Still us that we might listen. Strengthen us with your promise that wherever we go, you are with us always.

Leader: And now we pray together as Jesus taught, saying:

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

MUSIC

T H E W O R D O F G O D

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 14

When Pharaoh was told that the Israelites had fled, he said, ‘What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?’ So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him;

The Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord.

But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them. At the morning watch the waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

SERMON: *Great Idea. But Who's Going First? Apparently Nashon....*

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T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

~Worship: In person worship every Sunday resumes as of September 6th. Masks are required; COVID questions will be asked; Attendance recorded; Sanitizing of hands; and physical distancing to be honoured. This is how we will care for one another as we joyfully re-gather.

~The service will also continue to be live streamed and liturgies emailed/delivered so our on-line community can join us.

~Sunday School is on hold for now.

A TIME OF PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: