

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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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:

*I've been painting pictures of Egypt,
leaving out what it lacked.
The future seems so hard
and I want to go back.*

Sara Groves, songwriter

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, Miriam and Aaron, God of manna and wilderness,

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 recognize you, in our time and place?

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

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 16: 1-15

The entire community of the Children of Israel came to the wilderness of Syn. It was on the fifteenth day after the second New- Moon, after their going-out from the land of Egypt. And they grumbled.

They grumbled against Moses and against Aaron. They said: Would that we have died in the land of Egypt. There we sat by the fleshpots and ate bread till we were satisfied. For you have brought us into the wilderness to bring death to this whole assembly by starvation!

Then the Lord said to Moses: I will make bread from the heavens to rain

down upon you. The people shall go out and glean only each day's amount. But on the sixth day it shall be a double portion.

Moses and Aaron said to all the Children of Israel: At sunset you will know that it is the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt; at daybreak you will see the Glory of God.

Now it was at sunset a horde of quail came up and covered the camp. And at daybreak there was a layer of dew around the camp. When it lifted, there upon the surface of the wilderness was something scaly, and as fine as hoarfrost. When the Children of Israel saw it they said to each other: *Mahn hu*, which means, What is it? Moses said to them: It is the bread that the Lord has given you for eating.

SERMON: *Painting Pictures of Egypt: The Complexities of Freedom*

MUSIC

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A TIME OF PRAYER (with *Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying*)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: