

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.

Thought for Meditation:

If plan A doesn't work, the alphabet has 25 more letters — and about 48 if you're in Japan. We can do this. Claire Cook

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: In *this* House of Prayer,

People: In *your* Houses of Prayer,

Leader: we are gathered as one in this time of worship.

People: For wherever we are, you, O God, are present!

Leader: Worship is where we come to hear, in a way we do nowhere else, O God, that we are loved beyond measure,

People: That we are, with all of our failings, still your Beloved Community,

Leader: And that we become, O God – for one another, and for the world – a sign of your holy presence. And so together, wherever we are, let us pray 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 SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ephesians 6: 10-18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

SERMON: *An Alternative Arsenal for These Times*

MUSIC #563 VU Jesus, You Have Come To The Lakeshore

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING THE OFFERING

A TIME OF PRAYER: see separate sheet

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: *May The God Of Hope*