

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred 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 friendship with its people. Grace and peace to you all!

**Thought for Meditation:**

*Behold, I say—behold the reliability and the finery and the teachings of this gritty earth gift.*

*Eat bread and understand comfort.*

*Drink water, and understand delight.*

Mary Oliver

## THE GATHERING

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

**\*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE**

**\*INTROIT: Praise God For This Holy Ground (#42MV, v.2)**

Praise God in whose word we find,  
food for body, soul and mind.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

God's goodness is eternal.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** The joy of Christ be with you!

**People:** And also with you!

**Leader:** Let us worship God together!

**\*HYMN #460 VU All Who Hunger**

## **OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Leader:** As we gather on this World Communion Sunday, Holy One,  
may the Blessing of the Maker be ours,

**People:** encircling us, above us, and within us.

**Leader:** May the Blessing of the Son be ours,

**People:** the wine and the water, the bread and the stories, to feed us  
and to remind us.

**Leader:** May the Blessing of the Spirit be ours,

**People:** the Wind and the Fire, the still small voice of calm, to  
comfort us, and to disturb us.

**Leader:** May the Blessing of God be ours,

**People:** to delight us, confound us, encourage us and strengthen us.

**Leader:** And may we be a blessing to one another,

**People:** a blessing rooted in our common pilgrimage, the blessing of  
a friend.

**Leader:** And hear us now as we join our voices with those around the  
world, 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.**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN: It's A Song Of Praise To The Maker, MV 30,v.2**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN: It's A Song Of Praise To The Maker, MV 30, v.4**

## **T H E   R E S P O N S E**

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY: As Those Of Old (#518 VU, v.3)**

**With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to you.  
Not just to serve your cause,  
but share your love with neighbours too.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your son,  
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done**

**T H E   W O R D   O F   G O D**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 16**

**SERMON: *Man Hu: What Is It? Holy Food!***

**ANTHEM: *Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me* (T. Lynch/K. Lee Scott)**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE INVITATION**

**\*HYMN #480 VU Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees**

**\* A New Creed**

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,**

to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung refrains: #203-205 MV, Kingsfold)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

As the seed which was scattered to all corners of the world comes together to  
make bread on our table,

So God's people gather from all corners of the world to share in the great  
banquet of thankfulness and hope.

**At God's table there are no divisions. At God's table all are  
welcome to share in the bounty.**

And so we join with our ancestors in the faith, with our kith and kin around  
the world, and with all the saints and angels, to give you praise, singing:

***Oh, holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.***

***All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.***

***Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings your praise,***

***And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!***

We thank you for Jesus, who lived a life of radical hospitality. He shows us  
still that life is a holy gift, and meant to be shared. And he taught us this by  
sitting down at a table... (*the Institution narrative continues*) ....

And so we continue to partake in this holy meal, and in so doing, we proclaim the mystery of our faith, singing:

*Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!  
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!*

You call us to sing the songs of faith in places both familiar and strange. You call us to share the banquet of faith with long time friends and new acquaintances.

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon us, your gathered people, and upon these gifts of the Table: wheat of the field and fruit of the vine; and may we all be filled!

*Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!  
Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!*

-----*We Share the Feast*-----

### **Prayer After Communion (Unison)**

**Leader:** Fed and filled at your Table, O God, bless to us this day: The doors we open,

**People:** the thresholds we cross, and all the roads that lie before us.

**Leader:** Go with us always, and at the closing of the day, O God, welcome us home.

**ALL: AMEN!**

**\*HYMN # 481 VU Sent Forth By God's Blessing**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: Go To The World (#420 VU, v.4)**

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
For I am with you 'til the age shall end,  
When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"  
Hal – le – lu – jah! Hal – le – lu – jah!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: [nmuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nmuc@nb.aibn.com)

Website: [www.newmarylandunited.ca](http://www.newmarylandunited.ca)

*If you know of someone in hospital please notify the Church. Please forward items of prayer and celebration to the Minister. For emergencies, you may call Rev. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.*

**Greeter: Linda Watson**

**Teller This Week: Dorothy Webster and Myrna Belyea-Tracy**

**Trustee on Duty (Oct): Jim Merrill**

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Wed., Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 pm - Men's Club Meeting**

**- 7:00 pm U.C.W. Meeting**

**Sun., Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Thanksgiving Sunday**

**Sun., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service + Salmon Supper**

**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY – OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>** – The Worship Committee will be decorating the sanctuary in preparation for the Thanksgiving service. *Do you have some extra vegetables from your garden, or could you pick up an extra turnip or a few extra apples when you are doing your grocery shopping? How about a fall mum or an extra jar of your latest batch of pickles or jam? Donations of vegetables, fruit, preserves or decorative fall items would be very much appreciated.* Your items can be dropped off Tuesday-Friday mornings between 10 am and 12 noon. Your many small donations will create a spectacular display for our Thanksgiving Sunday service plus food items will be donated to our local food bank.

**GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE:** For the month of **October**, we will focus on **canned diced tomatoes**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Men's Club Salmon Take-Out**

**Dinner** – The Men's Club will be hosting a BBQ Salmon Take-Out Dinner at the New Maryland Centre on **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Our goal is 300 meals this year. We look forward to the continued support of the entire congregation. Tickets are now available for purchase at \$20. We need ticket sellers plus workers for this take-out supper. We are also in search of lady ashburnham/mustard pickles and homemade apple crisp donations.

**To work at the supper or donate pickles/apple crisp call David Ward at 455-8208. For tickets or a book of tickets to sell call Keith Ball at 455-1948.**

Thank you in advance.

**JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY** – Just a reminder that we have a lovely selection of jigsaw puzzles in the choir room. They are available to anyone who would like to borrow them. A great way to pass the time. Donations of puzzles are greatly appreciated.

**GREETER SIGN UP SHEET** – Just a reminder that there is a “Greeter Schedule” posted at the back door. If you would like to volunteer to be a greeter some Sunday morning, kindly fill in your name by any Sunday that would be convenient for you. Thanks!

**CHURCH BULLETINS** - Anyone wishing to sponsor a Sunday bulletin (\$20), please contact the church office (459-3313). We encourage everyone to consider being a sponsor as it off sets the cost of our weekly bulletins. There is a sign up sheet (up to end of November) posted on the bulletin board in the foyer if you'd like to sponsor a bulletin for a particular day.