

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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September 10th, 2023 11 am

WELCOME BACK TO REGULAR WORSHIP: In-Person & Live Streamed!

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.

Thought for Meditation:

The thresholds of difficulty we come across in our lives almost always ask us for a radical form of simplification, toward something elemental, precious and deeply personal that lies at the core of all the pressure and complication that can overwhelm us. David Whyte

T H E G A T H E R I N G

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

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

***Introit: Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying (#400 VU)**

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: May the joy of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship together!

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAY

Leader: As simple as this worship space may be, O God, it also opens into mystery.

People: As routine as our lives may appear, we carry the mark of the Holy One within us.

Leader: So meet us in this holy, ordinary place, O God; Meet us and bless us, just as we are,

People: for the sake of who we may yet be.

Leader: In awe and trust, in curiosity or hope, in whatever way we have arrived here, we offer now the words of Jesus, 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.

***HYMN # 164 VU The Day of Resurrection**

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 12: 1-14

SERMON: *Bread, Lamb, Doorposts, And Gold: Lessons On Leaving*

***HYMN # 595 VU We Are Pilgrims**

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #242 VU Let All Things Now Living**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: Sing Amen (#431 VU)**

Amen, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men.

Amen, we praise your name, O God. Sing a-men:

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen we praise your name, O God!

The bulletin is sponsored today by Marg Frenette and is sending warm birthday greetings to those in our congregation who celebrated birthdays over the summer as well as the month of September.

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E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

Website: 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.

Tellers This Week: Dorothy Webster

Trustee on Duty (Sept): David Ward

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tues., Sept. 12th – 7:00 pm – Committee of Stewards

Wed., Sept. 13th – 10:00 am - Outreach Committee Meeting

1:30 pm – Men's Club Meeting

7:00 pm – U.C.W. Meeting

Tues., Sept. 19th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting

Sun., Sept. 24th - 11:00 am - Welcome Back Sunday + Sunday School

Sunday School will be starting up on **September 24th**! Lots of fun with stories and crafts and snacks! We can't wait to see you. We will include a Blessing of the Backpacks before you head downstairs to Sunday School – so bring whatever you carry with you to school. And afterwards we will join with the whole congregation for lunch! For more info on Sunday School, please contact Sheila Power: **spower1511@gmail.com**

Welcome Back Sunday: September 24th! We hope you can join us for worship (at 11 am), followed by a wonderful **Corn Boil and Barbeque!** You don't need to bring anything – except your appetite! Hot buttery corn on the cob, hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixings, beverages, and cake will all be provided.

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!

The **September** issue of “**Broadview**” is available for borrowing from our library area.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

New Maryland Zoomers are hosting a “**Fall Gardening Seminar**” by **Scott's Nursery** on **Thursday, September 21st** at the **New Maryland Centre**. **6 pm – Potluck /7 pm - Seminar**