

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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September 17th, 2023 11 am
Sunday 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:

*there are simple things he needs on journeys such as these
food and love and drink and warmth and comfort
and a bag that's small enough
to carry all the failures and the idols
that he's picked up on the way. Pádraig óTuama*

THE GATHERING

*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!

*HYMN # 142 MV Oh A Song Must Rise

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.

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 14: 19-31

ANTHEM: *Wade In The Water* (Trad. Spiritual)

SERMON: *The Water Woman & Her Brothers*

***HYMN #144 MV Like A Healing Stream**

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 # 232 VU Joyful, Joyful We Adore You**

***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!

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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 This Week: Marg Frenette

Tellers This Week: Dorothy Webster and Jim Merrill

Trustee on Duty (Sept): David Ward

LOOKING AHEAD:

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.

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 Rec Centre on **Sunday, October 15th**. Our goal is 300 meals this year. Tickets will be \$20. Tickets will soon be available for purchase. We are in search of Lady Ashburnham/mustard pickles and homemade apple crisp donations. We will also be looking for workers for the supper. If you are able to help with this, please contact David Ward at 455-8208. Thank you in advance.

JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY – Just a reminder that we have a lovely selection of jigsaw puzzles in the mini kitchen (off the sanctuary). 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!

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

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

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**