

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023    11 am  
**WELCOME BACK SUNDAY: CORN BOIL & BARBECUE**  
Sunday School Reopening & Blessing of the Backpacks

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 questions that can make or unmake a life ... questions that have no right to go away.*      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!

\*HYMN # 395 VU Come In, Come In And Sit Down

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

**Leader:** God, the first disciples sat with Jesus, listening to his stories, and breaking bread together;  
**People:** they travelled the rocky roads of Galilee, seeing signs and

wonders;

**Leader:** They were inspired; they were amazed;

**People:** they were filled with awe; they were confused.

**Leader:** And sometimes, like us, they were afraid.

**People:** Here in these pews, we still want to learn to walk in those ways of love and mercy;

**Leader:** So send your Spirit, that we might find the living Christ, even here, and now. And hear us as we pray together, 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 #291VU All Things Bright And Beautiful R./v.1/R.**

### **BLESSING OUR NEW BEGINNINGS:**

Imagine all that these bags will carry, O God!

**Lunch and cell phones, toys and dreams, dirty gym clothes and borrowed books.**

Think of all the hopes that these bags will hold:

**Hopes that we can finish our homework. Hopes that we make the team; hopes that we can find a friend.**

So many dreams in these bags, Holy One!

**Dreams that we can really shine; that we can be the person you call us to be.**

Bless these children, O God, and all that they carry. May they be filled with hopefulness and joy,

**And enough challenge to keep them excited for what comes next!**

When their load feels too heavy, ease their burden we pray. And when it overwhelms them, please God, will you send them an angel of sorts to help them carry it?

**And perhaps it might be me! AMEN!**

**CHILDREN'S HYMN #291VU All Things Bright And Beautiful R./v.4/R**

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

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9: 30-37**

**ANTHEM: *The Gift Of Love* Hal Hopson, arr.**

**SERMON: *Beautiful Questions***

**\*HYMN #366 VU Like a Child**

## **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 /Meal Blessing: #193 MV God Bless To Us Our Bread**

**\*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!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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: Kaye Lister**

**Teller This Week: Dorothy Webster**

**Trustee on Duty (Sept): David Ward**

*The bulletin today is dedicated in memory of my dear friend Rev. Bonnie Fraser by Sue Harris.*

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Sun., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> - 11:00 am - Worldwide Communion**

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

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

**Sunday School** will be starting up on **September 24<sup>th</sup>**! 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](mailto:spower1511@gmail.com)

**Welcome Back Sunday: September 24<sup>th</sup>**! 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.

**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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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. 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 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!