

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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September 3rd, 2023 10 am
THE LAST OF SUMMER WORSHIP!

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Burke. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

The great luminosity that threads through the world doesn't go away because I'm not paying attention. It is always there, indeed it can be as close as the palm of my hand. It is always there, always waiting...before I even knew to look. Carrie Newcomer

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: Holy, Holy, Holy #315 VU, v.1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

***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: We gather together, O God, on this ordinary day,

People: doing what we ordinarily do here,

Leader: focusing on the bulletin, on the prayers, on the music,

People: attending to the ordinary task before us.

Leader: What then, O God, if you should dare to draw our attention away from this, from the familiar?

People: Will we notice? Will we see a bush aflame? Feel its heat?
Hear its crackle?

Leader: Will we recognize that this – right here – is nothing less than holy ground? And so we offer you these familiar words, and dare to pay attention, 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.

***HYMN # 374 VU Come And Find The Quiet Centre**

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

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Exodus 3: 1-15

SERMON: *For Whom The Bush Burns....*

***HYMN # 264 VU Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: The Doxology #541 VU

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

praise God, all creatures high and low,

give thanks to God in love made known,

Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN # 651 VU Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: May the God of Hope Go With Us (#424 VU)**

**May the God of Hope go with us every day
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful, when we hear Christ's call.**

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.

**Teller This Week: Dorothy Webster
Trustee on Duty (Sept): Dave Ward**

SUMMER WORSHIP – Worship services for the summer months at NMUC will be at 10:00 am from July 2nd to September 3rd , inclusive.

LOOKING AHEAD:

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

Wed., Sept. 13th - 1:30 pm – Men's Club Meeting

7:00 pm – U.C.W. Meeting

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