

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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August 23rd, 2015 10:30 am

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. Burke. Grace and peace to you all!

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: #42 MV Praise God For This Holy Ground v.1**

**Praise God for this holy ground,
Place and people, sight and sound.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, and all that lives upon it.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: God has given us breath to live, and spirit to sing.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

People: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving and praise!

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER :

We gather this day, O God, in the unity of Christ. Help us to know the Spirit's presence in all that we do here, and may it strengthen and delight us to be faithful followers of Jesus, who taught his disciples to pray, 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#357 (VU) Tell Me the Stories of Jesus**

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

We need your healing, O God, and so we ask for your mercy. Give us true repentance: for the sins we recognize; for those that escape our notice; for those that we cannot seem to face. Forgive us, and set us free. Amen.

+++++++ *A Time of Silence* ++++++

The Assurance of Pardon

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 13: 1-9

SERMON: *Good Soil*

***HYMN #405 (VU) New Every Morning**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY (#543 VU)

**We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be,
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN#670 (VU) Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: Amen (#974 VU)

A-men! A-men! Hallelujah! A-men!

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**We give many thanks for Rev Bob Jones and his worship leadership
these past 3 weeks! Rev Kelly returns from Newfoundland and is back
to work on August 24th.**