

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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October 4th, 2015 11 am
WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

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.

Thought for Meditation:

The 42nd General Council of the United Church of Canada voted unanimously and joyfully to join in full communion with the United Church of Christ, USA. The differences between our denominations are noted, but not in any ways that would affect our life together—the ways that are different are places where we can learn from one another.

Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, Minister for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations with the United Church of Christ, USA

THE GATHERING

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

***WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

***INTROIT: Spirit of Life (#381 VU)**

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Move in the land, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The joy of the Lord be with you all, on this World-wide Communion Sunday!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

***HYMN #154 (MV) Deep In Our Hearts**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

God of Abraham, Miriam and Moses, God made known to us in Jesus: you open your arms in welcome; you called all of creation into being and blessed us with astounding diversity. Have mercy upon us when we act complacent among your wonders. Help us to mirror your extravagant welcome to all. And hear us now as we join our voices with those around the world, 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#13 (MV) O Let The Power Fall On Me v.1

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S HYMN#13 (MV) O Let The Power Fall On Me v.2

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY All That We Have (From *Gather*)

All that we have and all that we offer,
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need.
All done in his name.

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 17 selected verses

SERMON: *How Bread and Wine and Hockey Can Change the World*

ANTHEM

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Gift of Breads and Cup Presented

The Invitation (adapted from J. Richardson's *Blessing For World Communion*):

Leader: And the table will be wide.

People: And the welcome will be wide.

Leader: And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

People: And our hearts will open wide to receive.

Leader: And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

People: And we will come unhindered and free.

Leader: And our aching will be met with bread.

People: And our sorrow will be met with wine.

Leader: And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

People: And we will turn toward each other without fear.

Leader: And we will give up our appetite for despair.

People: And we will taste and know of delight.

Leader: And we will become bread for a hungry world.

People: And we will become drink for those who thirst.

Leader: And the blessed will become the blessing.

People: And everywhere will be the feast.

*** HYMN #469 (VU) We Gather Here**

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. AMEN.

The PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

As the seed which was scattered to all corners of the world comes
together to make bread on our table,
So God's people gather from all corners of the world to share the great

Banquet of thankfulness and hope.

At God's table there are no divisions. At God's table all are welcome to share in the bounty of abundant life.

Here at God's table we join with all who seek to follow The Way.

Here we taste the grace eternal. Here we know that God is Good.

In this harvest season we pause to give thanks to God.

It is good to give thanks for all God has given us.

For the fruit of the earth, for the food on our tables, for the love of our brothers and sisters in faith around the world.

For the promise of hope in a world too often given to despair,

For this, and so much more, we offer our thanks and praise.

We remember the stories of our ancestors in the faith,

Sarah and Abraham, Miriam and Moses, Peter and Mary;

Prophets and leaders and all who have proclaimed your goodness and hope over the centuries.

choir sings #951 VU (Spanish):

Santo, santo, santo.

Mi corazon te adora!

Mi corazon te sabe decir:

Santo eres Dios!

congregation sings: **Holy, holy holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
you are holy, God!**

Holy God, we give our deepest thanks for Jesus, the one we call Christ.

Child of Mary, he came to teach us the wonders of Your love.

As he shared a table with the despised and the least of his world he showed us what the Glorious Banquet of life could be like.

We give thanks for his witness and commitment to The Way.

Here, now, as we gather at the table to which Jesus calls us, we remember another table long ago and far away..... (*The Narrative continues....*)

And so, God of Cross, Empty Tomb, and Banquet, we eat and drink and remember.

**Christ has died
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

Transforming God, you call us to sing the songs of faith in places both familiar and strange. You call us to share the Banquet of faith with long time friends and new acquaintances.

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Pour out your Spirit on this your table and these your people, that this meal becomes an occasion of transformation for all who gather to eat it together. Amen.

choir sings #219 MV: Ameni, ameni, a-men- a-men – a-men, ameni

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Leader: We rise from this Table, O God:

People: filled with bread and wine and thanksgiving,

Leader: filled with the stories of our faith,

People: and the understanding that this Table belongs to the world.

Leader: We are ready to move into our promise-filled future,

People: So lead on, O God, lead on!

Leader: And all God's people said:

ALL: Amen!

***HYMN #481 (VU) Sent Forth By God's Blessing**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: Go To The World (#420 VU v.4)

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

For I am with you 'til the age shall end,

when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"

Hal – le –lu-jah! Hal – le –lu-jah!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

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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. Burke at 470-9634.

Greeters This Week: Sandra Cook and Loraine Ward

Tellers This Week: Lloyd Penney and Loraine Ward

Trustees On Duty (Oct): David Ward and Ann Urquhart

Sunday School: Sheila Power and Sarah Loftus

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Oct. 5th - 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting

Sun., Oct. 11th - 11:00 am - Thanksgiving Sunday

Wed., Oct. 14 - 7:00 pm - U.C.W. (see below)

Sun., Oct. 18th - 11:00 am - Worship Service

4:00 & 5:30 pm - Salmon Supper

Tue., Oct. 27th - 12:00 noon - Bridge Luncheon (sponsored by UCW)

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY – OCTOBER 11TH, 2015

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 next doing your grocery shopping?

How about a fall mum, or an extra jar of your latest batch of pickles or jam? The Worship Committee needs your help to decorate the sanctuary for Thanksgiving Sunday and donations of vegetables, fruit, preserves and decorative fall items would be so very much appreciated. Your items can be dropped off any week day morning between 10 and 12 noon, or on Saturday morning, October 10th by 10:00 am, in the basket on the Church step at the parking lot level. Your many small donations will create a spectacular display for our Sunday Thanksgiving service! All food items will be donated to the Food Bank following the service.

U.C.W. will meet on **Wed., Oct. 14th at 7 pm** in the home of Loraine Ward, 64 Kindle Court in Nasonworth. New members very welcome. Call Dorothy at 457-9795 for more details.

The **Men's Club** is looking forward to the continued support of the entire congregation for the annual **Salmon Supper on Oct. 18th**. Tickets are now available (see Dave Ward or Lloyd Penney). Those who would like to make apple crisp, call Dave Ward at 455-8208. If you make your own pickles, would you consider putting aside a couple of jars for our supper? There will be a 'pickle box' at the main door if you'd like to drop off your pickles anytime. Any financial help would be appreciated which we can purchase potatoes, carrots, peas and other supplies.

FOOD BANK - For the month of **October**, we will focus on **pasta sauces**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated. **8.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY (N.B.) will be having a book sale on Oct. 15/16 at Kings Place. If you have any books to donate, you can drop them off to Allen Parlee, (**Kingston Ave., Sunrise Estates**) or call **459-8007**.

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