

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018    10:30 am  
SUMMER WORSHIP

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:

*Do not be too moral, for you may cheat yourself out of too much life! Rather, aim beyond morality. Be not simply good: be good for something!*  
Henry David Thoreau

## THE GATHERING

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

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

\*Introit: Make A Joyful Noise ~Psalm 100 (#820 VU)

Make a joyful noise, all the earth!  
Worship your God with gladness.  
Make a joyful noise, all the earth!  
Come to this place with a song!

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May the Joy of Christ be with you!  
People: And also with you.  
Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

\*HYMN # 664 VU What A Friend We Have In Jesus

## **OPENING PRAYER:**

**Leader:** We give thanks, O God, for this time of worship: for the moments of stillness and for the moments of active response,

**People:** for you call us to be both hearers and doers of your Word.

**Leader:** May your Word take root within us to nourish our living;

**People:** And may we be blessed in our doing and fruitful in our actions.

**Leader:** This we ask in the name, and in the way of Jesus, who taught us 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.**

## **T H E   W O R D   O F   G O D**

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: James 1:17-27**

**SERMON: *Recovering The Straw Epistle***

**\*HYMN# 213 MV Take Up His Song**

## **T H E   R E S P O N S E**

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY: Grateful (#182 MV, Refrain)**

**Grateful, for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,  
Joyful, in your Spirit flowing, over all, O God of Love.**

**Grateful, for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,  
Joyful, In Your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN # 595 VU We Are Pilgrims On A Journey**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\* CHORAL BLESSING: Oh A Song Must Rise (142 MV, Refrain)**

**Oh a song must rise for the Spirit to descend,**

**Oh a song must rise once again.**

**Singing out God's praises and glory, the faithful voices blend,**

**Oh a song must rise for the Spirit to descend.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETER TODAY:** Ann Urquhart

<p><b>Summer Worship:</b> Worship services for the summer months at NMUC will be at <b>10:30 am from July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup> inclusive.</b></p>
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**GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE** – Just a reminder to keep the Food Bank in mind over the summer months. For the months of July & August any food items would be deeply appreciated.

**LOOKING AHEAD! MEN'S CLUB:** Thinking ahead to our annual salmon supper on October 14<sup>th</sup>, if you make your own pickles, would you consider putting aside a couple of jars for our supper? Dave Ward

