

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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ALL SAINTS DAY

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. 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:

*You can trust us to stick to you through thick and thin- to the bitter end.  
And you can trust us to keep any secrets of yours – closer than you yourself  
keep it. But you cannot trust us to let you face trouble alone, and go off  
without a word. We are your friends. Anyway. There it is.*

*J.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring*

## THE GATHERING

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

### WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** We gather today to honour all the saints: the great cloud of witnesses who have lived before us; and the ones who live down the street.

**People:** Long live the saints!

**Leader:** To the saints of our tradition: Mary and Salome, Peter and Paul, Priscilla and Ruth, Andrew and Simon: blessed are we because of you!

**People:** Long live the saints!

**Leader:** To the present day saints who live quietly – or riotously! – among us: blessed are we because of you!

**People:** **Long live the saints!**

**Leader:** Gather in *all* your saints, O God, and hear us now as we pray:

### **OPENING PRAYER:**

You call us together in Christ, O God,  
**as a community of broken but hopeful believers,**  
loving what he loved, living what he taught,  
**striving to be faithful servants in our time and place.**  
Our ancestors in faith bequeathed to us the stories of their lives;  
**upon their lives our lives are built.**  
And you gather us all in together,  
**and dare to call us your communion of saints.**  
In wonder then, we 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.**

**SOLO: Lynda-Jean:** *Three Things I Promise*

**T H E   W O R D   O F   G O D**

**THE EPISTLE LESSON:** Colossians 3: 1-3

**SERMON:** *For All The Saints – Every Ragtag One Of Us!*

**SOLO: Moon Joyce: *All Saints' Day* [by: Carrie Newcomer]**

## **T H E R E S P O N S E**

### **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**A TIME OF PRAYER & LIGHT FOR ALL THE SAINTS, ending with:**

These are the saints of God.

**And we are the saints who are the living body of Christ.**

God of the generations, when we set our hands to labour, thinking we work alone, remind us that we carry:

**On our lips the words of prophets.**

In our veins the lifeblood of the faithful.

**In our eyes the mystics' visions. In our hands the strength of thousands.**

And so together, with the great cloud of witnesses, let all the people proclaim:

**AMEN!**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BLESSING: *Go Now In Peace***

**PROCESSION TO THE CEMETERY ~Dedication of the Columbarium**