

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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October 31st, 2021 11:00 am
A LITURGY FOR ALL SOULS/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:

What we celebrate in the saints is not their piety or perfection but the fact that we believe in a God who gets redemptive and holy things done in this world through, of all things, human beings, all of whom are flawed.

Nadia Bolz-Weber

THE GATHERING

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

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Introit: Let Us Build A House (#1 MV, v.1, chorus)

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and
vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place!

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.**

***HYMN #660 VU How Firm A Foundation**

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

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 12: 1-2; 13: 22-25

SERMON: *The Unexpected Neighbourliness of The Saints*

***HYMN #333 VU Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUET: Dorothy Webster & Lynda-Jean Coffin: *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* [D. Akers]

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!

***HYMN #705 VU (vs. 1,2,5 & 6) For All The Saints**

THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: Grateful (#182 MV, chorus)

**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.**

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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.

Greeter This Week: Pam Campbell

Tellers This Week: Myrna Tracy and Ann Urquhart

Trustees On Duty (Nov): Ann Urquhart

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Nov. 1st - 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting (at the church)

M & S Fundraiser: Spare-Change Jars - Is your spare-change jar getting too heavy to lift and you want us to take it off your hands? Or have you been meaning to add to it all along but keep buying coffee instead? Well, there are only a few weeks left to fill-up that jar! We will start collecting the jars on **Oct. 31st and will do so until Nov. 14th**. Please return jars to the church during this time and make sure to include your name and envelope number for tax purposes. If you have any questions, or want your jar picked up from your home, contact Sheila Power at 472-9824. Money raised will go to the M & S. Thank you to everyone for your contributions.

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FALL FUNDRAISER - As you know, our church has been unable to have any fundraising events for the past two years because of Covid restrictions. For this reason, The Committee of Stewards has decided to have a Fall Fundraiser (donations only) in an effort to fill the gap from our normal fundraising activities.

Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause. Every dollar donated will be used to support church operations and maintenance.

When making a donation, please indicate on your offering envelope (or a plain envelope) that it is for the Fall Fundraiser.

Thank you for your support! The Committee of Stewards

The **2022 Church Envelopes** have arrived and are on the table in the upper foyer for you to pick up. Only those who use their envelopes regularly have been issued new ones this year. In an effort to reduce our costs, those using PAR will not receive 2022 envelopes. However, they will keep their same envelope number as in 2021.

If you are interested in obtaining church envelopes, or if you have any questions, please contact Sue Morrison (458 8150).

Your offerings continue to sustain the operation of this church and are greatly appreciated. The Committee of Stewards.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE

For the month of **October**, we will focus on **canned tuna/chicken/ham**.

However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.