NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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August 29th, 2021 10:30 am SUMMER WORSHIP: In Person and Live Streamed

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:

Those who sing pray twice!

St Augustine, 4th Century Bishop of Hippo in North Africa

THE GATHERING

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

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Introit: There Is Room For All (#62 MV)

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;

there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.

And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."

There is room for all, there is room for all.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The Light of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship together!

OPENING PRAYER

We gather today, O God, knowing we are called into this time of community:

a time to attend to you, and to one another.

All that we bring to this time,

And all that we have left behind,

May it somehow be our offering of prayer to you, as are the words and melody we sing together now, **AMEN.**

*HYMN #960 VU The Lord's Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Chronicles 16: 9-10, 23, 31-33

THE RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm #100, p. 820 VU

SERMON: A Noisy Ruckus: The History of Singing In Church

HYMN#142 MV O, A Song Must Rise THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[To Centre our praying: (#948 VU)]

O God, hear my prayer, O God hear my prayer:

When I call, answer me.

O God, hear my prayer, O God hear my prayer:

Come and listen to me

The prayers

[The Assurance: Don't Be Afraid (#90 MV)]

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear.

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger

And I have promised, promised to be always near.

- *HYMN # 223 VU Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing
- *BENEDICTION
- * CHORAL BLESSING: May God's Sheltering Wings (#214 MV)

May God's sheltering wings,

her gathering wings protect you.

May God's nurturing arms,

her cradling arms sustain you, and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.