

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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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:

*To live in this world, you must be able to do three things:
to love what is mortal;
to hold it against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go,
to let it go.* Mary Oliver, from “In Blackwater Woods”

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: *Let Us Build A House* (#1 MV, v.1, refrain)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Light of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship together!

OPENING PRAYER (Based on 1Corinthians 13)

Though we may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
**If we have have not love, our words are vain, as sounding brass, and
hopeless gain.**

May your Spirit attend us, and may inward love guide our words and deeds in this time together,
May we live this day as generous in love as the One who taught us to pray together, 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.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Song of Songs 8: 6-7

MUSIC: Moon Joyce *Love Song* L. Duncan

SERMON: *What Love Bestows*

MUSIC: Moon Joyce: *Powerful Love* David Sereda

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: For The Fruit Of All Creation (VU #227, v.3)