

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

875 Route 101 Hwy. Nasonworth, NB E3C 2C1 Phone:506-459-3313
Minister: The Rev. Dr. Kelly Burke, B.A., M.Div, D.Min Office Administrator: Lorna Ball
Musical Director: Lynda-Jean Coffin, B.A, B.Ed., Music

February 21th, 2021 11 am
Stories Along The Way: Lent 1

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred 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 friendship with its people. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

From the large jug, drink the wine of unity.

Like this large jug, still keep the heart expansive.

Why would you want to keep the heart captive,

like an unopened bottle of wine?

Hafiz, 14th C. Persian poet and mystic

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

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 peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship together!

OPENING PRAYER (based on *Song of Faith*, 1.0)

Leader: You, who are Holy Mystery, are beyond complete knowledge.

People: Yet, in love, you seek relationship.

Leader: And so you created the universe,

People: and with it the possibility of being and relating.

Leader: Companion us on this Lenten Way,

People: that we might see Christ in the stories we tell, and the songs we hear,

Leader: and in these words he taught us, 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 GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:1-11

MUSIC: To The Desert Jesus Came (#113 VU)

SERMON: *Mary and The Wedding At Cana*

MUSIC: My Love Colours Outside The Lines (#138 MV)

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LENTEN PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (Kyrie Eleison #67 MV)

THE LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT

Leader: Our Lenten journey has begun, and the light begins to fade....

[*The first purple candle is snuffed*]

but there is light enough;

People: light enough to show us that every now and then,

Leader: every *glorious* now and then, a miracle does happen.

People: A wonder; a sign...

Leader: That the One who saved the best for last, is among us still.

Amen and amen.

***CHORAL BLESSING: 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.**