

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

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:

*May what I do flow from me like a river, no forcing and no holding back.*

Rainer Maria Rilke

## THE GATHERING

### WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: Moon Joyce: *Down To The River To Pray*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** The Light of Christ be with you!

**People:** And also with you!

**Leader:** Let us worship together!

### OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God, before time you named us. Through time you redeem us. And always, you call us precious in your sight. Named and claimed as your own, we are bold 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.**

## **T H E   W O R D   O F   G O D**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1: 4-11**

**HYMN # 161 MV: I Have Called You By Your Name**

**SERMON: *A River, A Ritual, And A Recognition***

**MUSIC: Moon Joyce: *Swimming To The Other Side*      Pat Humphries**

## **T H E   R E S P O N S E**

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYERS**

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BLESSING: (#81 VU As With Gladness Men of Old, v.5)**

**In the heavenly country bright, none shall need created light;  
You its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing hallelujah to our king!**