

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11 am  
Observing the 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the United Church of Canada

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:

*Is it not a measure of the strength of our church that we admit and recognize deep differences, rather than follow a party line? At the same time, scripture calls us to come to agreement with each other, even if that means agreeing to recognize our differences. Lois M. Wilson*

## T H E G A T H E R I N G

### WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: #79 MV Spirit, Open My Heart (Refrain/v.2/ Refrain)

Refrain:

Spirit open my heart  
To the joy and pain of living  
As you love may I love  
In receiving and in giving Spirit,  
open my heart

2. Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory. R.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

**Leader: Let us worship together!**

## **Introduction to the Anniversary of the UCC**

### **HYMN # 42 MV Praise God For This Holy Ground**

**1. Praise God for this holy ground, place and people, sight and sound.**

**R: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God's goodness is eternal.**

**2. Praise God in whose word we find, food for body, soul and mind. R.**

**3. Praise God who through Christ makes known all are loved and called God's own. R.**

**4. Praise God's Spirit who befriends, raises, humbles, breaks and mends. R.**

**5. Though praise ends, praise is begun where God's will is gladly done.R.**

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

**Leader: O God, in whom we live and move and have our being:**

**People: From generation to generation we have gathered in prayer and song.**

**Leader: On this birthday of the church, when nothing is the way it was, we *still* give thanks for your care and guidance throughout the journey.**

**People: More than ever, we seek the re-newing and re-finishing fire of the Spirit to impel us into our future.**

**Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**People: Breathe into our hearts this day.**

**Leader: Bless our worship, whether online or in person, or in print, and inspire us,**

**People: That we may live Spirit-filled lives of love and compassion for all.**

**Leader: And now we pray together, in the way of Jesus, 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# 218 VU We Praise You, O God**

**1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

**2. We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers ;  
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.**

**3. With voices united our praises we offer,  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

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

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

**SERMON: *On Our 96<sup>th</sup>: Hockey Rinks, Extended Family And Change***

**MUSIC: *Common Thread* by Pat Humphries on Same Rain, Moving Forward Music, BMI**

**1. In a many coloured garden we are growing side by side  
We will rise all together, we will rise.  
With the sun and rain upon us, not a row shall be denied  
We will rise all together, we will rise.**

**Chorus:**

**3.**

**We will rise like the ocean. We will rise like the sun**

**We will rise all together, we will rise**

\*(solo) In our many coloured fabrics made from strands of common thread

**We will rise all together, we will rise.**

2. We can feed our grain to cattle and the rich man will be fed.

**We will rise all together, we will rise**

Or we'll feed our grain to people so that millions will have bread

**We will rise all together, we will rise**

**Chorus:**

**We will rise like the ocean. We will rise like the sun**

**We will rise all together, we will rise.**

\*(solo) No more will there be hunger in these strands of common thread

**We will rise all together, we will rise.**

3. In the cold of fear and hatred, clothed in dignity we stand.

**We will rise all together, we will rise.**

We have pieced this quilt together, linking hearts with stitching hands,

**We will rise all together, we will rise.**

**Chorus:**

**We will rise like the ocean. We will rise like the sun**

**We will rise all together, we will rise.**

\*(solo) We are spirits drawn together tightly by our common threads,

**We will rise all together, we will rise.**

4. From our children to our Elders, from all places we will rise.

**We will rise all together, we will rise.**

May respect for all our differences enhance our common ties.

**We will rise all together, we will rise.**

**Chorus:**

**We will rise like the ocean. We will rise like the sun**

**We will rise all together, we will rise.**

\*(solo) We will build a church together, strengthened by our common threads

**We will rise all together, we will rise. X2**

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## **T H E R E S P O N S E**

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**HYMN##176 MV Three Things I Promise**

**1. Three things I promise, Holy God,  
in age and youth, in life and death:  
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,  
and listen for the Spirit's breath.**

**2. Your love unfolded time and space,  
and life, and all that life became,  
and so, with thankful heart and voice,  
through good and ill, I bless your Name.**

**3. I follow, serve, and cling to Christ  
amid our culture's tides and trends,  
for here your Name is most revealed:  
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.**

**4. Enlivened as the Spirit moves  
to cleanse, awaken, and renew,  
I pray that justice, peace, and truth,  
may seed and grow in all I do.**

**5. If I should live when vigor fades,  
and family and friends are gone,  
three acts of loving faith remain  
when days are slow, and work is done.**

**6. Revive and guide me, Living God,  
as day by day, until my death,**

**I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,  
and listen for the Spirit's breath.**

**5.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BLESSING: #156 MV Dance With The Spirit (x2)**

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin'  
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin'  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**E-Mail: [nmuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nmuc@nb.aibn.com)**

**Website: [www.newmarylandunited.ca](http://www.newmarylandunited.ca)**

*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.*

**Screening Questions: Maxine MacConnell**

**Recording Names: Shirley MacConnell**

**Ushering: Lorna Ball**

**Tellers This Week: Loraine Ward and Dave Ward**

**Trustees On Duty (June): Jim Merrill**

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Tue., June 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm - Committee of Stewards Meeting**

**Wed. June 9<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 pm - Men's Club Luncheon (see below)**

**MEN'S CLUB** – The Men's Club will be meeting at Wetmore's on **June 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm** for our June meeting. All men of the congregation are welcome to attend. Confirmation is required prior to June 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Keith (455-1948) or by e-mail if you plan to attend.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - We are in need of two (2) or more individuals to serve on the Committee of Stewards. If you feel you could help in this area, please contact Dave Ward at 455-8208.

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**GRADUATES** – If you are graduating or know of someone within our church family who is graduating this year from high school, college, or university, please give the office a call **(459-3313)** or let Rev. Kelly know.

**CHANGE IN CHURCH TREASURER:** Lloyd Penney has retired as our Church Treasurer effective April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Official Board has hired a Part Time Bookkeeper, Ellen Fitzsimmons, who has taken over a number of the responsibilities of the Treasurer.

During this transition period, we have uncovered the many facets of our previous Treasurer's work. We extend a sincere thank you and gratitude to Lloyd Penney for his years of commitment and exemplary work for our Church as Treasurer.

For those who wish to continue to mail in their offering, please mail directly to the church:

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Attn: Chair of Stewards Committee

From the Committee of Stewards

The **June** edition of “**BROADVIEW**” has arrived and is available in our library area to borrow.

New copies of “**OUR DAILY BREAD**” (Jun/July/Aug) are now available at both entrances of the Church. These copies are provided free of charge, however, a container for those wishing to make a donation to Radio Bible Class is available.

**GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE**

For the month of **June**, we will focus on **canned ham, chicken, or turkey**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

