

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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November 22nd, 2020 11 am
Anniversary Sunday (1887-2020) – Celebrating 133 years!

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 peace and friendship with its people. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation

Susie, what shall I do - there isn't room enough; not half enough, to hold what I was going to say. Won't you tell the man who makes sheets of paper, that I haven't the slightest respect for him!

Emily Dickinson, from a letter to her beloved Susan Gilbert

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For 133 years people have been gathering here in this place.

People: For 133 years people have been gathering here to sing and pray, to bless and be blessed.

Leader: For 133 years people have stood in the pulpit, and around the baptismal font, and gathered around the table of Jesus.

People: For 133 years, people of all ages have gathered to share in the work and the fellowship; to share in the joys and the sorrows,

Leader: to remember what *was*, to be faithful witnesses *now*,

People: And to look forward to what God has in store for us all!

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER:

God of all history, God of our hearts, we gather this day in gratitude and trust. Help us to glean wisdom from the past; to trust you in the days to come; and to serve you in the holy “now”. May we celebrate every day that you give us with joyful praise, and abundant hope. This we ask in the spirit of Jesus, who taught his friends 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.

MUSIC: Let Us Build A House M. Haugen (#1 MV)

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

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1: 15-19

SERMON: *Dear Alexander, Ida, James, John, and Mary....*

SOLO: Moon Joyce: *A Light In The Window* Carrie Newcomer

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: *Go Now In Peace* Besig/Price