

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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November 14th, 2021 11 am

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:

Divine reality is not way up in the sky somewhere; it is readily available in the encounters of everyday life, which make hash of my illusions that I can control the ways God comes to me.

Barbara Brown Taylor

THE GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Introit: Come Touch Our Hearts (#12 MV, verse 2)

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for Spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Light of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: God of the prophets and the angels, God of the weary and the hopeful, God made known to us in Jesus:

People: we gather together, opening ourselves to you, and the wonder of your welcome.

Leader: Here we are free to rest and remember; question and hope;

People: wrestle with stories and revel in promise.

Leader: And so we begin, by joining our voices in the way of our Brother 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# 356 VU Seek Ye First the Kingdom**

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5: 1-12

SOLO: Moon Joyce: *Holy As A Day Is Spent* (Carrie Newcomer)

SERMON: *The Art Of Blessing*

***HYMN #896 VU Matthew 5/Blest Are They**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #79 MV Spirit, Open My Heart**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: Go Now In Peace (Don Besig)**

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world can see,
God will be there, watching from above,
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
A-men. A-men. A-a-a-men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.

Greeter This Week: Marg Frenette

Tellers This Week: Merlin Tracy and Keith Ball

Trustees On Duty (Nov): Ann Urquhart

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Nov. 15th - 1:00 pm - Session Meeting

Tue., Nov. 16th - 7:00 pm - Committee of Stewards

Sun., Nov. 21st -11:00 am - Worship Service 134th Anniversary Service

Tue., Nov. 23rd - 7:00 pm - Board of Trustees

Tue., Nov. 30th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting

M & S Fundraiser: Spare-Change Jars - Is your spare-change jar getting too heavy to lift and you want us to take it off your hands? Or have you been meaning to add to it all along but keep buying coffee instead? Well, there are only a few weeks left to fill-up that jar! We will start collecting the jars on **Oct. 31st and will do so until Nov. 14th**. Please

return jars to the church during this time and make sure to include your name and envelope number for tax purposes. If you have any questions, or want your jar picked up from your home, contact Sheila Power at 472-9824. Money raised will go to the M & S. Thank you to everyone for your contributions.

FALL FUNDRAISER - As you know, our church has been unable to have any fundraising events for the past two years because of Covid restrictions. For this reason, The Committee of Stewards has decided to have a Fall Fundraiser (donations only) in an effort to fill the gap from our normal fundraising activities.

Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause. Every dollar donated will be used to support church operations and maintenance.

When making a donation, please indicate on your offering envelope (or a plain envelope) that it is for the Fall Fundraiser.

Thank you for your support! The Committee of Stewards

The **2022 Church Envelopes** have arrived and are on the table in the upper foyer for you to pick up. Only those who use their envelopes regularly have been issued new ones this year. In an effort to reduce our costs, those using PAR will not receive 2022 envelopes. However, they will keep their same envelope number as in 2021. If you are interested in obtaining church envelopes, or if you have any questions, please contact Sue Morrison (458-8150). Your offerings continue to sustain the operation of this church and are greatly appreciated. The Committee of Stewards.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE

For the month of **November**, we will focus on **canned pasta or stews**. **However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS: ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH United Church Women (UCW) (corner of George and York Sts) in Fredericton, will be hosting a Take-Out Dinner on Saturday, **November 27th**. Pick up is between 11 AM and 1 PM from the Charlotte Street parking lot. Menu includes ham slice, potato scallop, coleslaw, roll, and carrot cake. Price \$15.00 .Telephone Ann to order at 457-0164. Cut off date to order is **Wednesday, November 24th**.