

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021    11 am  
A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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:

*In the end, though, maybe we must all give up trying to pay back the people in this world who sustain our lives. In the end, maybe it's wiser to surrender before the miraculous hope of human generosity and to just keep saying thank you, forever and sincerely, for as long as we have voices.*

Elizabeth Gilbert

## THE GATHERING

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

### \*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**People:** And also with you!

**Leader:** Let us worship together!

### \*Introit: Let Us Build A House (#1 MV, v.1, chorus)

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and  
vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place!

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

As our songs rise up to you, Holy One, so too does our thanksgiving. So meet us in this place: this place of reunion, and welcome, and worship. Fill us your joy, with your grace, and with your extravagant hope. This we pray in the name, and 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 # 220 VU Praise To The Lord, The Almighty**

## **T H E   W O R D   O F   G O D**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Micah 6: 6-8**

**TRIO: *Song Of Hope* [arr: Hal Hopson] ~Dorothy Webster, Lynda-Jean Coffin & Sharon Noel**

**SERMON: *The Unusual Words of A Prophet***

**\*HYMN # 227 VU For The Fruit Of All Creation**

## **T H E   R E S P O N S E**

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A LITANY FOR THANKSGIVING :**

I've been thinking about the way, when you walk  
down a crowded aisle, people pull in their legs to let you by.

**Or how strangers still say “bless you” when someone sneezes,  
a leftover from the Bubonic plague. “Don’t die,” we are saying.  
And sometimes, when you spill lemons from your grocery bag,  
someone else will help you pick them up.**

Mostly, we don’t want to harm each other.

**We want to be handed our cup of coffee hot, and to say thank you to  
the person handing it.**

To smile at them and for them to smile back.

**For the waitress to call us honey when she sets down the bowl of  
clam chowder,**

and for the driver in the red pick-up truck to let us pass.

**We have so little of each other, now. So far from tribe and fire.**

**Only these brief moments of exchange.**

What if they are the true dwelling of the holy, these  
fleeting temples we make together when we say, “Here,  
have my seat,” “Go ahead — you first,” “I like your hat.”

**What if they are the true dwelling of the holy?**

**\*HYMN # 232 VU Joyful, Joyful We Adore You**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: Grateful (#182 MV, chorus)**

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.**

**Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,  
Joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

\* The Litany for Thanksgiving is based on a poem by Danusha Laméris. First published in *Healing the Divide: Poems of Kindness and Connection* from Green Writers Press. Bonfire Opera (University of Pittsburgh Press 2020).

# 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: Lorna Ball**

**Tellers This Week: Myrna Tracy and David Ward**

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

*The bulletin today is dedicated in memory of  
Scott Parlee. Lovingly remembered by Allen & family.*

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Tue., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting (vaccinated/masked)**

**SALMON SUPPER** - Due to the high Covid numbers, the Men's Club has decided to cancel this year's salmon supper as it was felt that it was too risky to organize this event. The club would like to thank all who have come forward to offer their assistance with this fundraiser.

**FOOD BANK-** With the increase of Covid-19 cases, we did not collect food for the Food Bank this Thanksgiving. In lieu of this, we have placed a basket on the communion table if anyone would like to make a monetary donation.

**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. 31<sup>st</sup> and will do so until Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**BOOKKEEPERS HOURS:** Just to inform you that Ellen Plans to be at the church **Tuesday or Wednesday following the last day of the month** and around the **18th of each month for bill payment**.

She also requests staff to have their hours submitted to her by the first of each month.

**GREETER SIGN UP SHEET** – Just a reminder that there is a “Greeter Schedule” posted at the back door. If you would like to volunteer to be greeter some Sunday morning that would be convenient for you, kindly fill in your name by that particular Sunday. Thanks!

**BULLETIN DEDICATION** - Anyone wishing to sponsor a Sunday bulletin to celebrate a family event, special day, or memorial can do so by contacting the Church secretary at 459-3313. The cost is \$20.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

**Book Sale at Wilmot United Church** - On **Thur Oct 14 & Fri Oct 15** from **10-6**, hundreds of used books will be for sale at Wilmot United Church. Fiction and non-fiction titles for all book lovers! Priced to sell! Corner of King and Carleton Streets, downtown Fredericton. Please wear community mask and bring proof of full vaccination.

### **Rummage Sale At Wilmot United Church**

On **Fri Oct 22** from **9-6** and **Sat Oct 23** from **9 - noon**, Wilmot United Church is holding their annual fall rummage sale. Dozens of tables will be stacked high with used fall and winter clothing, footwear, kitchen ware, bedding, Christmas decorations, books, toys and more! All priced to sell! Corner of King and Carleton Sts, downtown Fredericton. Please wear community mask and bring proof of full vaccination.