

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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A SERVICE FOR WORLD FOOD DAY

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:

I have sharpened my knives, I have put on the heavy apron.
Maybe you think life is chicken soup, served in blue willow-pattern
bowls.

I have put on my boots and opened the kitchen door
and stepped out into the sunshine.

I have crossed the lawn.

I have entered the hen house.

Mary Oliver, Farm Country

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

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

*WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land
But it is fed and watered by your almighty hand;
You send the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;

We thank you God, O holy God, for all your love!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Light of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship together!

***HYMN # 245 VU Praise The Lord With The Sound Of Trumpet**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: God, the stories of our faith remind us that you are manna from heaven and water from rock.

People: You are the miracle of the loaves and fish. You are the Bread of Life.

Leader: In this hour, fill us up with your Holy Word.

People: Energize us with your songs.

Leader: Make us thankful, aware, and inspired:

People: thankful for the universe that feeds us,

Leader: aware that food is a sacred gift given to all and yet still withheld from many,

People: and inspired enough to make a difference.

Leader: 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.

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

THE RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 126, p. 850 VU, Refrain 2

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13: 1-9

TRIO: *Bringing In The Sheaves*: Sharon Noel, Dorothy Webster, Lynda-Jean Coffin

SERMON: *Food and Feeders and Feeling Overwhelmed*

***HYMN #171 MV Christ Has No Body Now But Yours**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER FOR WORLD FOOD DAY :

Creator God,

Bless farmers and fishers and gatherers; hunters and migrant workers...

Bless all agricultural workers here and around the world.

Bless those who transport, distribute, and prepare our food.

Bless those pouring their heart and soul into fostering and protecting clean water, healthy soil, and biodiversity.

Bless those advocating for safe, healthy, culturally appropriate food.

Bless those challenging systems that treat food as a commodity rather than a sacred right.

Bless those working hard to understand where their food comes from and to have a healthy relationship with it.

Bless those who share what they can so no one goes hungry.

Bless the breakfast programs, community kitchens, and shared gardens, The food banks, and agricultural training programs. Bless our home kitchens, our tables, and all who gather around them.

Bless us all as we offer our thanksgiving for your abundant grace. **AMEN!**

***HYMN #584 VU Through The Heart Of Every City (alt tune #460 VU)**

***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.**

+++With thanks to the Canadian Food Grains Bank, and the United Church of Canada's Mission & Service

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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: Kaye Lister

Tellers This Week: Jim Merrill and Meg Simms

Trustees On Duty (Oct): Jim Merrill

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

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.

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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!

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE For the month of **October**, we will focus on **canned tuna/chicken/ham**. **However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

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.