

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

875 Route 101 Hwy. Nasonworth, NB E3C 2C1 Phone: 506-459-3313
Minister: The Rev. Dr. Kelly Burke, B.A., M.Div, D.Min Office Administrator: Lorna Ball
Musical Director: Lynda-Jean Coffin, B.A, B.Ed., Music

October 3rd, 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:

At the table, where food and stories are passed from one person to another and one generation to another, is where each of us learns who we are, where we come from, what we can be, to whom we belong, and to what we are called. Leonard Sweet

THE GATHERING

*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.3, chorus)

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.

R: All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Light of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship together!

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: It is World Communion Sunday, O God. And the table is not set as we expected.

People: And yet we still give thanks, God of the ages, God of this particular time and place.

Leader: God of our neighbourhoods: of Nasonworth, New Maryland, and Fredericton: South and North.

People: the Gornish and Hanwell, of Wolfville and Canning;

Leader: God of Tuktayuktuk and Oromocto; Paris and Fogo,

People: God of Haiti and western prairie, sandy desert and deep forest,

Leader: God of community gathered close, and community scattered. Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God, as together we pray, 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 #651 VU Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 14: 12-16, 22-25

TRIO: *Jesus Took The Cup* [arr: Hal Hopson] ~Dorothy Webster, Lynda-Jean Coffin & David Ward

SERMON: *Eating And Drinking With Jesus In The Oddest Places*

***HYMN # 457 VU As We Gather At Your Table**

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER FOR THE DAY

We give you thanks, Creator, for the wonder of this world: the shine of moon and stars; the turning of tides and seasons; seedtime and harvest.

Out of chaos, order; out of void, life;

out of dust and holy breath, humanity!

You spoke us into life, but also into service: that we might love and care for all of your creation.

And when we have stumbled in our calling, you gave us the one called Jesus, whose stories remind us still to pay attention to the land and its inhabitants, to the holy ordinary:

to the lilies of the fields, and the birds of the air;

to mustard seeds and hungry people;

to the baking of bread and the gathering of fish.

In all of the stories we are reminded of the power of gathering together at table.

To share a meal with one another, is where community is built;

This is where love unfolds; where manifestos of justice and care are birthed.

Where we are strengthened and sent forth for all that lies ahead.

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may know you in the breaking of bread, and that in word and deed, we may be channels of your love, peace, and justice in the world.

We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness; that wine poured out replenishes; that time spent with the Risen Christ and one another is gift and grace. Amen!

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

***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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

Website: 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.

Greeter This Week: Tina Glenn

Tellers This Week: Loraine Ward and Sharon Noel

Trustees On Duty (Oct): Jim Merrill

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Oct. 4th Note: There will be no Men's Club meeting this month
Sun., Oct. 10th - 11:00 am - Worship - Thanksgiving Sunday

Your Thanksgiving letter is available for pick up today in the foyer.

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.

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.

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.