

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021    11 am

A Service To Honour National Day For Truth & Reconciliation: In-Person & Live Streamed

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:

*The problem isn't that we search for truth; the problem is that we become obsessed with our belief that we hold the truth, and we destroy entire cultures in the process.*

Kaitlin B. Curtice, *Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God*

## THE GATHERING

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

### WELCOME & RECOGNITION OF THE LAND

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

\*Introit: Come In, Come In And Sit Down (#395 VU)

Refrain:

Come in, come in and sit down,  
You are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.

1. You know the reason why you came,  
yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family. R.

## **\*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:** We know that you celebrate the first peoples of this land,  
Creator.

**People:** And so we come to this time of worship accepting our past,

**Leader:** so that we may build a future of mutual respect and acceptance.

And you have taught us how to live:

**People:** With truth, respect, humility, honesty, courage, wisdom,  
and love,

**Leader:** and with these words 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 # 12 MV Come Touch Our Hearts**

## **T H E   W O R D   O F   G O D**

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:** 1Peter 2: 9-10, 13-17

**SERMON:** *The Wisdom Of Elders and Orange Shirts*

## **\*HYMN # 578 VU As A Fire Is Meant For Burning**

# THE RESPONSE

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### **Apology to First Nations Peoples from The United Church of Canada:**

Long before my people journeyed to this land your people were here, and you received from your Elders an understanding of creation and of the Mystery that surrounds us all that was deep, and rich, and to be treasured.

**We did not hear you when you shared your vision. In our zeal to tell you of the good news of Jesus Christ we were closed to the value of your spirituality.**

We confused Western ways and culture with the depth and breadth and length and height of the gospel of Christ.

**We imposed our civilization as a condition for accepting the gospel.**

**We tried to make you be like us and in so doing we helped to destroy the vision that made you what you were.**

As a result you, and we, are poorer and the image of the Creator in us is twisted, blurred, and we are not what we are meant by God to be.

**We ask you to forgive us and to walk together with us in the Spirit of Christ so that our peoples may be blessed and God's creation healed.**

[The Right Rev. Robert Smith, 1986, Moderator of The United Church of Canada]

**DUET: *Together We Pray* ~Dorothy Webster & Lynda-Jean Coffin**

### **A LITANY FOR THE DAY:**

We are, all of us, people of the Creator:

**original inhabitants, and those who came later—**

inheritors of a diverse history, dwellers in a common land,  
**travellers toward a better day.**

We have known friendship and animosity,  
**cooperation and oppression, blessing and pain.**

And now, what if we choose to embrace this moment,

**This moment that could herald a new beginning:**

that softens the heart

**and dismantles the prisons of the present and the past.**

That we might joyfully claim

**both our rights and responsibilities as People of the Creator.**

May it be so.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN # 679 VU Let There Be Light, (verses 1,2, 5 and 6)**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: Sent Out In Jesus' Name (#212 MV)**

**Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now  
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.**

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to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.**

**The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.**

**3.**

**The task is ours to do, to set it really free.**

**O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.**

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Meegewtch, woliwon, so many thanks, for the wisdom and the writings of so many Elders: The Very Rev. Stan McKay, The All My Relations Network of Saskatchewan Conference, The Rev. Deb Anderson-Pratt, Honarine Scott, Kaitlin B. Curtice, and Lorna Standing Ready.

# 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: Tina Glenn**

**Tellers This Week: Merlin Tracy and Ann Urquhart**

**Trustees On Duty (Sept): Ann Urquhart and David Ward**

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Sun., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship Service**

**Sun., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am - Worship - Thanksgiving Sunday**

**Sun., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am – Worship Service**

**Salmon Take-Out Dinner**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** The Men's Club is planning a **Salmon Take-Out Dinner** on **Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** at the New Maryland Rec Centre. We are hoping to have 250 take outs. The Men's Club is seeking people interested in helping out whether by helping with the preparation of the dinner, ticket sales, or supplying an apple crisp or pickles. If you can help out, please call Dave Ward (455-8208) or Keith Ball (455-1948). Please note that helpers working at the supper must be double vaccinated.