

New Maryland United Church Service for July 30, 2017

Thought for Meditation

When you are done learning, you're done! Learn something new everyday for a fulfilling life.

The Gathering

Please rise in body or in spirit for the marked sections*.

Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit "Come in, come in and sit down" #395VU

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

Call to worship

Leader: Come and listen, all who love God.

People: And he will guide me on my journey.

Leader: God is mighty and powerful.

People: God will provide us with all that we need.

Leader: Come and bow down before Him.

People: It is what we are called to do.

Hymn # 600VU "When I Needed a Neighbour"

Opening Prayer Ending With The Lord's Prayer

We gather as your people each week O God, part of the great United Church of Canada, celebrating 91 years of social activism and thoughtful prayers, in the year Canada celebrates its 150th. Help us to remember that the indigenous peoples of these lands have been here for 10,000 or more years and as we worship today, we meet on the traditional lands of the Wolostoqiyik, "the people of the beautiful river," the Wolastok. And so together with the Saints who have gone before us, we pray as Jesus taught his disciples 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: MV 5 "Holy Spirit, you're like the wind"

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 105 [1-11 Part 1] VU page 828

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

REFLECTION: Parables of Jesus meet the parables of Glooscap

Hymn: VU 299 "Teach me God to wonder"

THE RESPONSE

The Announcements

Offering and Offertory- "Spirit of Life" VU 381

Spirit of life, come unto me,

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Moving in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE- Bill Elderkin

HYMN: MV 154 "Deep in our hearts"

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: Go, Make a diff'rence, MV 209

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the World.

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the World.