

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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LAST OF SUMMER WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this holy 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 peace and friendship with its people.

Thought for Meditation:

Between the mirror and the heart is this single difference: the heart conceals secrets, while the mirror does not.

Rumi (13th Century Sufi mystic)

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: Make A Joyful Noise ~Psalm 100 (#820 VU)

Make a joyful noise, all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise, all the earth!
Come to this place with a song!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May the Joy of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN #402 VU We Are One

OPENING PRAYER:

We give thanks, O God, for this time of worship. In this time together, may we honour you, not only with our lips, but with our whole hearts. Take our rituals and our daydreams; take our questions and our certainties; our graceful ways, and our fumbled attempts; for we bring it all before you, in the name, and, we pray, 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 GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SERMON: *On Ritual And Rules: Relating And Rebellng*

***HYMN# 661 VU Come To My Heart**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: Grateful (#182 MV, Refrain)

**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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN # 639 VU One More Step Along The World I Go**

***BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL BLESSING: Oh A Song Must Rise (142 MV, Refrain)**

Oh a song must rise for the Spirit to descend,

Oh a song must rise once again.

Singing out God's praises and glory, the faithful voices blend,

Oh a song must rise for the Spirit to descend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School classes will resume next **Sunday, September 9th !**

Men's Club will be holding their September meeting on **Monday, September 10th at 7pm.**

UCW will meet on **Wed., Sept. 12th at 7 pm** in the home of Dorothy Webster, 215 Bradshaw Drive. Call Dorothy at 457-9795 for more info.

The **UCW** of New Maryland United will hold a **Bridge Luncheon** on Thursday, **Sept. 27th** from **12 to 3** at the New Maryland Rec Centre. To book a table of 4 for \$48 call Loraine Ward at 999-3558.

MEN'S CLUB: Thinking ahead to our annual salmon supper on October 14th, if you make your own pickles, would you consider putting aside a couple of jars for our supper? Dave Ward