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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:

Love thy neighbor, and if it requires that you bend your understanding of the truth, the Truth will understand.

Robert Breault

THE GATHERING

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

***WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

***Introit: Spirit of Life (#381 VU, refrain)**

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea, move 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.

***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 #12 MV Come Touch Our Hearts**

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: We gather together in this place, O God, because it is what a people of faith do, isn't it?

People: **When we are together, we remember who we are, better than when we are alone.**

Leader: This is where we come to hear, in a way we do nowhere else, O God, that we are loved beyond measure,

People: **That we are, with all of our failings, still your Beloved Community,**

Leader: And that we become, O God – for one another, and for the world – a sign of your holy presence. And so together, let us pray as Jesus taught, 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: Luke 10: 25-37

SERMON: *On Oxymorons, Neighbours and Other Challenges*

***HYMN# 229 VU God Of The Sparrow**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: We Give Thee But Thine Own(#543 VU)

**We give thee but thine own,
What e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.**

**May we thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
And gladly, as thou blesses us,
To thee our first fruits give.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

***BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL BLESSING: We Will Go With God (#223 MV)**

**We will go with God! Alleluia! We will go with God!
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On this day of great joy, we will go with God!
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*The bulletin today is dedicated in loving memory of
Marilyn Parlee (1947-2017) by husband, Allen and family.*

Summer Worship – Worship services for the summer months at NMUC will be at **10:30 am from July 7th to September 1st inclusive.**

LOOKING AHEAD! MEN'S CLUB - Thinking ahead to our annual salmon supper on Sunday, October 20th - if you make your own pickles, would you consider putting aside a couple of jars for our supper? Dave Ward