

# NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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SUMMER WORSHIP

## CELEBRATING THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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 friendship with its people. If you are visiting or new to the congregation please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Burke. Grace and peace to you all!

### Thought for Meditation:

*I hold her smooth cheek  
and bless her this night  
and beyond it  
and for every unknown  
night to come.*

David Whyte, from his poem “My Daughter Asleep”

## THE GATHERING

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

### WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

\*Introit: Holy, Holy, Holy #315 VU, v.1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May the joy of Christ be with you!  
People: And also with you!  
Leader: Let us worship together!

## **OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Leader:** On this day of sign and sacrament, of water and word;

**People: on this day of faith and family, of promise and praise,**

**Leader:** we recall the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before – and who are yet present with us, even here and now;

**People: And may we recognize your presence here O God, with us and amongst us.**

**Leader:** And so, in trust and confidence, we pray the words that came through Jesus, our brother, 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.**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Today we joyfully welcome Millie Rae Kitchen as she is baptized into this community of faith. Millie is the daughter of Vanessa (Price) and Austin Kitchen; the Granddaughter of Doug and Anja Price and Laurie and Chris Spinney; And the Great-Granddaughter of Bryan and Sue Spinney, Faye Storey, Marianne Nopens, and the late William Kitchen, Bruno Nopens, and Milton and Myrtle Price. Blessings abound!

**\*HYMN# 442 VU Wash, O God, Our Sons And Daughters**

**Introduction to The Sacrament (From: *A Song of Faith*):**

In grateful response to God's abundant love,

we bear in mind our integral connection

to the earth and one another;

**we participate in God's work of healing and mending creation. 2.**

To point to the presence of the holy in the world,  
**the church receives, consecrates, and shares  
visible signs of the grace of God.**

In company with the churches  
of the Reformed and Methodist traditions,  
we celebrate two sacraments as gifts of Christ:  
baptism and holy communion.

In these sacraments the ordinary things of life  
—water, bread, wine—  
point beyond themselves to God and God’s love,  
teaching us to be alert to the sacred in the midst of life.

**Before conscious thought or action on our part,  
we are born into the brokenness of this world.  
Before conscious thought or action on our part,  
we are surrounded by God’s redeeming love.**

Baptism by water in the name of the Holy Trinity  
is the means by which we are received, at any age,  
into the covenanted community of the church.

**Baptism signifies the nurturing, sustaining,  
and transforming power of God’s love  
and our grateful response to that grace.**

**The Presentation of the Candidate** – Tina Glenn, the Clerk of Session:  
Jesus said: ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is  
to them that the kingdom of God belongs. And he took them up in his  
arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

On behalf of the congregation of New Maryland United Church, I  
present **Millie Rae Kitchen** for initiation into the body of Christ  
through Baptism.

## Profession of Faith and Promises

### **~Questions to Parents, Vanessa and Austin Kitchen:**

Do you believe in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit/  
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer?

**I do, by the grace of God.**

Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words  
and by your actions?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you live in the knowledge and love of God, resisting evil,  
living with respect in creation, and loving and serving others?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you continue to grow in faith and love, so that being  
strengthened by the Holy Spirit, you may go forth to serve God  
faithfully in the world?

**I will, God being my helper.**

### **~Question to the godparents, Mike and Courtney Spinney:**

Mike and Courtney, as Millie's Godparents, will you guide her, nurture  
her, and pray for her, as she grows into all that she can be?

**We will, God being our helper.**

### **~Question to the Congregation (please stand):**

As the congregation of New Maryland United Church, do you commit  
yourself to support and nurture **Millie and her family**, within this  
community which worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice,  
and resists evil?

**We do, by the grace of God**

## Prayer Of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you!**

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of creation made known to us in water and word. Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life.

In the time of Moses your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom, and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the Promised Land.

You have come to us through water in the stories of Jesus, who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb, baptized by John in the Jordan, and became Living Water to a woman at the Samaritan well. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, and sent them forth to baptize with water and the Spirit.

By your Holy Spirit O God, bless this water we pray. May it be a sign of new life in Christ. Amen.

### **The Act of Baptism:**

**Baptism in the name of the Triune God:**

**Marking with the sign of the cross**

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

**Aaronic Blessing**

**Declaration and Presenting her to the Congregation**

**Presentation of Certificate and Candle**

**A Song For The Newly Baptized: *Millie, Millie, God Claims You***

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

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Hebrews 11: 1-2; 12: 1-3**

**SERMON: *Millie: You are Surrounded!***

**\*HYMN # 1 MV Let Us Build A House, (verses 1,2,4 and 5)**

**T H E R E S P O N S E**  
**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY: The Doxology #541 VU**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise God, all creatures high and low,  
give thanks to God in love made known,  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN # 705 VU For All The Saints (verses 1,2,5 and 6)**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING: May the God of Hope Go With Us (#424 VU)**

**May the God of Hope go with us every day  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful, when we hear Christ's call.**

**Services for month of August 2023**

**Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Dr. Kelly Burke – Sacrament of Baptism**

**Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> – Kimberley Douglass, LLWL**

**Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> - Rev. Dr. Kelly Burke**