NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 15th, 2023 11 am
2nd After Epiphany

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. 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 am thinking of faith now
and the testaments of loneliness
and what we feel we are
worthy of in this world.

David Whyte, "The True Love"

T H E G A T H E R I N G

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: Spirit of Life (#381 VU)

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 land, 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: The Light of Christ be with you!
People: And also with you!
Leader: Let us worship together!

***HYMN#374 VU Come And Find The Quiet Centre**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Holy God, again and again you call to us to come and see,
People: not only who we *are*, but who we might become.
Leader: It is no easy thing, and so we gather together, that we might be companions on this journey,
People: light to one another, and love in the midst of uncertainty.
Leader: It is no easy thing, and so we pray together, 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.

CHILDREN'S HYMN # 345 VU Come, Children, Join To Sing, v.2
TIME WITH THE CHIDREN
CHILDREN'S HYMN # 345 VU Come, Children, Join To Sing, v.3

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 1: 29-42

SERMON: *On Being Called: A Love Story of Sorts*

***HYMN # 567 VU Will You Come And Follow Me**

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: Grant Us, God, The Grace (#540 VU)

Grant us God, the grace of giving
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN#264 VU Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: When You Walk From Here (#288 VU) x2**

When you walk from here,
When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-Mail: nmuc@nb.aibn.com

Website: www.newmarylandunited.ca

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: Marg Frenette
Tellers This Week: Dorothy Webster
Trustee On Duty (Jan): Jim Merrill

LOOKING AHEAD:

Wed., Feb. 1st - Annual Reports for 2022 due
Tue., Feb. 7th - 7:00 pm - Committee of Stewards Budget Meeting
Sun., Feb. 12th - Official Board Budget Meeting (following the service)
Sun., Feb. 26th- Congregational Annual Meeting (following the service)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Would all chairpersons from each church committee check with your members to see if they are willing to serve on your committee for another year and advise David Ward (455-8208). If they need replacement please advise. Also at this time, I invite members of the congregation to put their name forward to serve on one of our committees and we will find a spot for you.

Church Offering The 2023 Church envelopes are on the table in the upper foyer for you to pick up. Note: Anyone wanting a church envelope number (an annual tax receipt is issued for all contributions) or anyone interested in signing up for PAR (pre-approved remittance – where monthly contributions can be made to the church through your bank), please contact Sue Morrison (458-8150) or smorriso@unb.ca.

NMUC LIBRARY – Just a reminder that we have plenty of interesting books in our church library for anyone to borrow.

JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY – Just a reminder that we have a lovely selection of jigsaw puzzles in the choir room. They are available to anyone who would like to borrow them. A great way to pass the time in the cold winter months. Donations of puzzles are greatly appreciated.

STORM NOTICE

In the event that Church service is cancelled due to inclement weather, you will be informed in the various manners, but **not before 8:30 am.**

1. E-mail notification: If you have e-mail, this is the most direct method.
2. Radio Stations: CBC, JOY-FM, CAPITAL
3. Website: http://www.newmarylandunited.ca/ It will be on the Home Page.
4. The answering machine on the church telephone (459-3313).