

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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January 22nd, 2023 11 am
3rd 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:

Your job is to figure out what the world is trying to be.

William Stafford, from his poem "Vocation"

THE GATHERING 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# 560 VU O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

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 CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S HYMN # 345 VU Come, Children, Join To Sing, v.3

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

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 27, p. 754 VU

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4: 13; 18-22

SERMON: *On Being Called: Going Into The Heart of The World*

***HYMN # 626 VU I Heard The Voice Of Jesus**

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# 563 VU Jesus, You Have Come To The Lakeshore**

***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: Jim Merrill

Tellers This Week: Dorothy Webster and Loraine Ward

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)

Mon., Feb. 23rd -7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting

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.

The **2023 Church envelopes** are on the table in the upper foyer for you to pick up. Only those who use their envelopes regularly have been issued new ones this year. In an effort to reduce our costs, those using PAR will not receive 2023 envelopes. **Please Note: 2022 Tax Receipts are now available for pick up in the main foyer.**

Church Offering

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.

CHURCH BULLETINS - Anyone wishing to sponsor a Sunday bulletin (\$20), please contact the church office (459-3313). We encourage everyone to consider being a sponsor as it off sets the cost of our weekly bulletins.

NMUC LIBRARY – Just a reminder that we have plenty of interesting books in our church library for anyone to borrow. There have been a couple of requests for **“large print” novels** for our library. If you have any at home or know someone who would like to donate some, we’d love to have them.

MUSIC - With Lynda-Jean's departure, we have established a search committee for a new musician. In the meantime, we give thanks to Jane Johnson who is volunteering with us until we are able to find a new musician. Rev. Jane has just retired after 42 years in ordained ministry and we welcome her into our midst. She is, however, waiting for knee replacement surgery. If we have any other volunteers who might like to offer their gift of music if that call from the OR arrives soon, please be in touch.

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.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE: For the month of January we will focus on **pasta or pasta sauces**. However, as always, everything is deeply 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).
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