

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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July 23rd, 2023 10 am
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 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:

So that's the question, I guess, for you and for me and for all of us trying to do this sacred task of telling stories: How do we tell the truth and make that truth bearable? Kate DiCamillo

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:** 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: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Esau and Jacob,

People: God made known to us in Jesus: we gather together,
Leader: opening ourselves to you, and the wonder of your welcome.
People: Here we are free to rest and remember; question and hope;
wrestle with stories and revel in promise.
Leader: And so we begin, by joining our voices in the way of our
Brother 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.

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

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 28 &29, selected passages

SERMON: *Jacob Without Esau: A Stone Pillow In The Wilderness*

***HYMN # 433 VU Day Is Done**

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 # 651 VU Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah

*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.

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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: Meg Simms

Teller This Week: Dorothy Webster

Trustee on Duty (July): Jim Merrill

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed for regular hours for the summer. Lorna will be in weekly to print the bulletin so if there is anything needing to be announced, please contact Rev. Kelly (470-9634) or send an e-mail to the church at nmuc@nb.aibn.com

SUMMER WORSHIP – Worship services for the summer months at NMUC will be at **10:00 am from July 2nd to September 3rd, inclusive.**