

NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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May 28th, 2023 11 am
CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & PENTECOST!

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:

Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

Mary Oliver

THE GATHERING

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

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Introit: Make A Joyful Noise (Psalm 100) #820 VU

Make a joyful noise, all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise, all the earth!

Come to this place with a song!

*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: On this day of flame and wind and Spirit,

People: 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 Brooklyn Faye Reicker as she is baptized into this community of faith. Brooklyn is the daughter of Deanna (Ball) and Matt Reicker; the little sister of Riley; and the granddaughter of Keith and Lorna Ball and Terry and Mona Reicker. 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.

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 **Brooklyn Faye Reicker** for initiation into the body of Christ through Baptism.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Questions to Parents, Deanna and Matt Reicker:

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 godparent, Nick Reicker:

Nick, as Brooklyn's godparent will you guide her, nurture her and pray for her as she grows into all that she can be?

I will, God being my helper.

Question to the Congregation [please stand]

As the congregation of New Maryland United Church, do you commit yourself to support and nurture **Brooklyn 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: *Brooklyn, Brooklyn, God Claims You*

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Acts 2: 1-19

ANTHEM: *Come, O Holy Spirit* Kaan/Klusmeier

SERMON: *On Wild Geese, Small Children & Chaos: A Story of Pentecost*

***HYMN # 1MV Let Us Build A House**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: What Can I Do? (#191 MV)

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: Sent Out In Jesus' Name (#212 MV)**

**Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.
Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.
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The bulletin today is donated by Sue and Tony Harris.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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: Marjorie Olmstead

Tellers This Week: Dorothy Webster and Loraine Ward

Trustee On Duty (May): Ann Urquhart

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tue., May 30th - 7:00 pm - Committee of Stewards meeting

Thur., June 1st - 6:00 pm - Yard Clean-Up (see over)

Tue., June 6th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting

Wed., June 7th - 12:30 pm - Men's Club Luncheon (see over)

Sun., June 18th - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Dad & Grad Sunday

SPRING FUNDRAISER - In an effort to achieve our 2023 budget of \$135,000, the Stewards Committee has planned a Spring Fundraiser (donations only). Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause. Every dollar donated will be used to support church operations and maintenance and will be added to your 2023 income tax receipt. To make a donation, please indicate on your offering envelope (or plain envelope) that it is for the Spring Fundraiser. You can also mail your donation to the Church: New Maryland United Church, 875 Route 101 Hwy, Nasonworth, NB E3C 2C1. Attn: Sue Morrison; or arrangements can be made to pick up your donation. **Thank you for your continued support! The Comm. Of Stewards**

MEN'S CLUB NEWS:

The **Church Yard Clean-up** has been rescheduled due to rain until **this Thursday, June 1st at 6:00 pm.** All are welcome to help spruce up the church grounds. Bring your rake.

The **Men's Club year end luncheon** will be held at Wetmore's Pub on **Wednesday, June 7, at 12:30.** This event is open to all men in the congregation. If interested, please advise Dave or Keith so they can confirm your seat at the table.

GRADUATES - If you are graduating or know of someone within our church family who is graduating this year, from high school, college, or university, please give the office a call (459-3313) or let Rev. Kelly know. Also, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. **Graduates will be honoured on Sunday, June 18th.**

DAILY BREADS – New copies of “**Our Daily Bread**” (Jun/Jul/Aug) are now available in the main entrance. These copies are provided free of charge, however, a container is available for those wishing to make a donation to Radio Bible Class.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE: For the **month of May** we will focus on **pasta sauce.** However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.