NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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September 8th, 2024 11 am
BACK TO REGULAR 11 am WORSHIP: On-Site & Live Streamed!

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.

Thought for Meditation:

God allows our heart to break again and again and again until it stays open. **Hazrat Khan, poet, musician, teacher**

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: <u>Psalm 100: Make A Joyful Noise</u> (#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 PRAY

Leader: As simple as this worship space may be, O God, it also opens into mystery.
People: As routine as our lives may appear, we carry the mark of the Holy One within us.
Leader: So meet us in this holy, ordinary place, O God; Meet us and bless us, just as we are,

People: for the sake of who we may yet be.
Leader: In awe and trust, in curiosity or hope, in whatever way we have arrived here, we offer our prayer, saying:
God, who cares for us,
The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.
Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.
Let your secrets be known here, as they are in heaven.
Give us the food and the hope we need for today.
Forgive us our wrongdoing as we forgive the wrongs done to us.
Protect us from pride and from despair,
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.
In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,
while worlds come and go. Amen.
[This version of the Lord's Prayer, from M. Furlong, The St. Hilda Community]

***HYMN #371 VU Open My Eyes That I May See**

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7: 31-37

SERMON: ***On The Oddity of Jesus: Sighing and Spitting and Healing***

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

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: <u>Hallelujah, Hallelujah</u>(#179 VU, Refrain)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, give praise to God's name.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
***HYMN #664 VU What A Friend We Have In Jesus**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: <u>May The God Of Hope Go With Us</u> (#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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Sept. 8th - 11:00 am - Worship Service - (back to regular time)
Mon., Sept. 9th - 1:00 pm - Session Meeting
7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting
Tue., Sept. 10th - 7:00 pm - Committee of Stewards Meeting
Wed., Sept. 11th – 1:30 pm - Men's Club Meeting (at the Church)
Sun., Sept. 15th - 9:30 am - Choir Practice Restarts
Tue., Sept. 17th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting
Sun., Sept. 22nd - 11:00 am - Worship Service - Sunday School Returns
Welcome Back Sunday

Please note that regular church hours will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 17th.
Tue-Thur. 10 am – 12 noon and Friday 8:30 – 12:30 pm.