NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH
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August 24th, 2025 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. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:
The One who carried us in the past will not abandon us in the present.

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>Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New</u> (#115 MV)

Behold, behold, I make all things new,
Beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
My promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In you, O Lord, we take refuge; let us never be put to shame.
People: You are our rock and our fortress—rescue us and deliver us!
Leader: From our earliest days, you have been our hope and our trust.
People: From our birth, you have carried us; our praise is continually of you.
Leader: Come, let us worship the One who is faithful from generation to generation.
People: With steadfast hearts and joyful songs, we lift our voices to God!

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Faithful God,
From the very beginning of our lives, you have been our refuge and our strength.
You are the rock on whom we stand, the shelter where we find safety, the hope that carries us through every season.

As we gather to worship you today,
quiet our restless hearts,
lift our weary spirits,
and draw us once more into your steadfast love.

Teach us to trust you more deeply,
to praise you more freely,
and to live with courage, knowing you will never forsake us.

We offer this time of worship,
and our very lives,
to you—our Rock and our Redeemer. And hear our prayers as we say together the words Jesus taught us, 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 #41 MV O Beautiful Gaia**

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON(S): Psalm 71:1–6
REFLECTION: *Held From The Beginning*

***HYMN # 238 VU O Lord My God verses 1,2,4**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OFFERING & OFFERTORY: <u>Grant Us God</u> (#540 VU)**

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #296 VU This Is God's Wondrous World**
***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: <u>I Am Walking A Path of Peace</u> (#221 MV)**

I am walking a path of peace
I am walking a path of peace
I am walking a path of peace
Lead me home, I am home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
The U.C.W. will be meeting on Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Church.