NEW MARYLAND UNITED CHURCH

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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:

Ask about the neighbours, then buy the house.

Old Jewish Proverb

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>Spirit of the Living God</u> (#376 VU, v.2)**

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May the joy of Christ be with you!
People: And also with you!
Leader: Let us worship together!

*HYMN # 142 MV Oh A Song Must Rise

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

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:
Our Father/Mother 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 #575 VU I'm Gonna Live So, v. 1
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
CHILDREN'S HYMN #575 VU I'm Gonna Live So, v. 1

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:16-30

CHOIR ANTHEM: ***Gather Us In*** **Marty Haugen**

SERMON: ***On Neighbourhoods: What We Make Of Them And What They Make Of Us…***

***HYMN # 697 VU O For A World**

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: <u>The Church Is Wherever</u> (#579 VU, v.2)
The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.

The church is wherever God's people are sharing
The words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
***HYMN #644 VU I was There To Hear Your Borning Cry**

***BENEDICTION**
***CHORAL BLESSING: <u>Take Up His Song</u> (#213 MV)**
Take up his song of peace and go into the world.
Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.
In every moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;
Lay them down, in peace, lay them down, and take up his song.