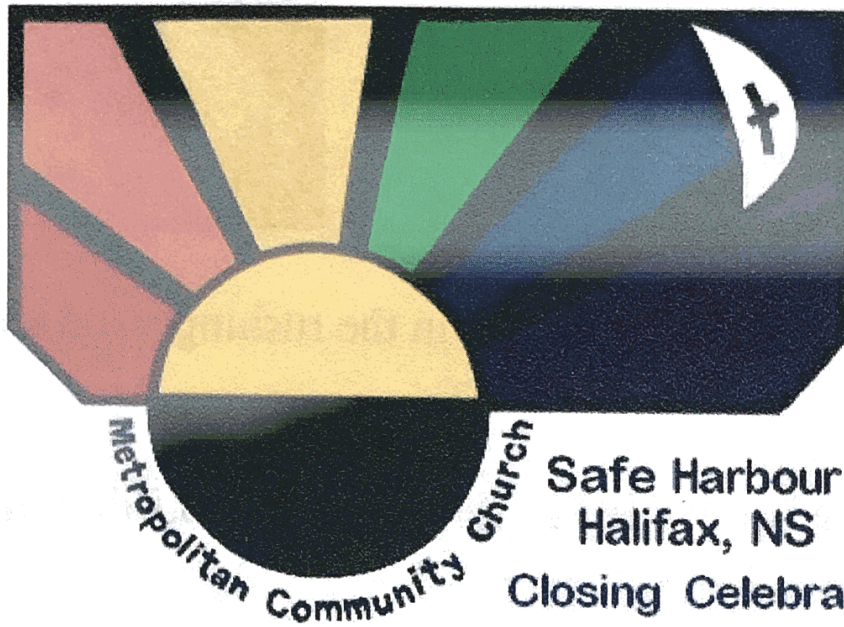


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***“A Christian Community***

***Promoting Inclusivity, Spiritual Growth and Social Justice.”***

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**June 19, 2011**

# WELCOME!

**Gathering Hymn** : How Great Are You, Lord



## **Call To Worship:**

God, whose creative glory we see in the rushing wind and the swirling waters

**and whose love is revealed in the smile of a child, will remain with us.**

God, whom we have discovered in the scriptures and who has discovered us;

**and who comes clear to us in Jesus and in the lives of the saints, will remain with us.**

God, whom we encounter in the worship and service of faith communities,

**whose Spirit is within the pastoral caring and the justice-seeking of this church, will remain with us.**

God, gracefully known in the hard places of our earthly life's journey,

**and who celebrates joyfully with us here, will remain with us.**

God, who will be with us as this life ends,

**who is with us in time and beyond time, will remain with us.**

Let us worship our loving and faithful God.

**And all God's people said, Amen!**

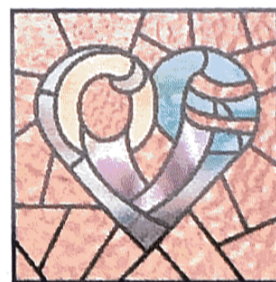
## Opening Prayer

Blessed are you, God of the universe. You fill the entire world with Your presence; Your name is to be hallowed through all the earth. Receive our praise and thanksgiving for the blessings, the help and the comfort You bestowed upon Your people in this house. Continue Your mercies to your Church, that we may be conscious of Your unchanging love as we prepare to take leave of this place of worship. This we pray in Your Holy Names. Amen.

## Contemporary Reading.....

“Drifting – Safe Harbor” Video

## Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:5-14



Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.

Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test.

Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong—not so that people will see that we have stood the test but so that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed; for we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.

We are glad whenever we are weak but you are strong and our prayer is that you may be fully restored. This is why I write these things when I am absent, that when I come I may not have to be harsh in my use of authority—the authority the Lord gave me for building you up, not for tearing you down.

# WELCOME!

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

All God's people here send their greetings.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33**



### Jesus Walks on the Water

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowd. After He had dismissed them, He went up on a mountainside by Himself to pray.

Later that night, He was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw Him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's You," Peter replied, "tell me to come to You on the water." "Come," He said.

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Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. "You of little faith," He said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

May God add wisdom and understanding to these words. **Amen.**

### Reflection:



Song of Commitment: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

### Call For The Offering:



We give thanks to God for our life and the courage we are given to live it. Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity. Let our faith be expressed in good causes. Let our belief in the future find full expression in our daily attitude of mind. In God's many names, we pray.  
**Amen!**

## Litany Of Thanksgiving

For this baptismal font, this communion table, this pulpit, this candle holder, this whole worship space, enable us to thankfully remember the countless services of worship and sacraments celebrated in this Church, and to bring to mind the ministers and lay leaders who have led worship.

*(time of silent remembering)*

For this worship space; Loving God,  
**we give You thanks.**

These chairs and the worshippers here today are reminders of the congregations who have gathered over these 20 years for Sunday services, funerals, weddings, and other celebrations that have taken place in this Church.

*(time of silent remembering)*

For worshippers over the years; Loving God,  
**we give You thanks.**

These pictures, study books, hymn books, CDs, stuffed animals, colouring books, etc..... all these symbols of life in this church are reminders of the hundreds of spiritual seeking students and teachers who over the years have begun or been reunited with their Spiritual Journey in this place.

*(time of silent remembering)*

For the wonder-filled, challenging and sometime difficult Spiritual Journeys we have taken; Loving God,  
**we give You thanks.**

For the many potluck meals, sweets, coffee maker, coffee urn and this petition for welcoming and fellowship; we bring to mind happy times of eating, learning and working together.

*(time of silent remembering)*

For a caring and giving fellowship; Loving God,  
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For those who have selflessly given of their gifts and talents to shepherd this faith community over the past 20 years. We especially remember Rev. Darlene Young, may she rest in peace.

*(time of silent remembering)*

Loving God,  
**we give You thanks.**

For the many in-house and outreach ministries of this Church and for all those who gave and continue to give.

*(time of silent remembering)*

Loving God,  
**we give You thanks.**

We come together with so many good and treasured memories, but with a strong sense of grief at saying farewell to this hallowed place. We also come together with great hope for continuing our life of faith with the belief that the work we have done here will live forever in the lives of our community.

*(time of silent remembering)*

For the life of this faith community which will continue on in so many other ways; Loving God,

**we give You thanks as we sing...**



## Eucharistic Prayer

Friends, let us share in the sacred story and celebrate this feast of the Spirit and Life. In gratitude and in celebration, we present our offerings and gifts of bread and wine.

God is the heart of life...

**and we are the heartbeat.**

May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy. We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.

We give thanks for the invitation to be at this table, for here we are shown our lives... the daily bread of our work and care, the wine of delight, pressed from the fruits of our creativity and our brokenness, with all its pain and self-knowledge.

We celebrate the life that is ours for we know we are precious in Your sight. We celebrate the life that is Yours, pattern of reality for us: life that is love revealed, love given and received; love in action.

Therefore, with all Your lovers throughout the ages we praise You singing... **Holy, Holy, Holy...**

At this gathering in this sacred place, we take bread as Jesus took bread and we remember as Jesus remembered; the constant presence of the Spirit of Life and Love.

**We break and share this bread as Jesus broke and shared it.**

We share it as our pledge of openness to the Spirit in our midst and in acknowledgement of our eternal connectedness with the Spirit of Life.

We take wine and pour it as Jesus poured it.

We drink as Jesus invited his friends to drink, mindful of a relationship of love and trust between ourselves and the Spirit of Life; believing as Jesus believed that beyond pain and darkness and death, life in the Spirit continues in ways beyond our imagining.

*( a moment of silent reflection)*

Come and share the feast!



### **A Prayer Of “ Letting Go And Moving On”**

There is anger that you have expressed around the closing of this church, there is anger you have held tight within yourselves.

**We let our anger go, we accept Christ’s way of renewal and peace.**

There is inaction that has held you back, there is apathy that has bound you in the closing of this church.

**We let our apathy and inaction go, we are ready to work with new Christian friends in a new situation.**

There is a sense of “What might have been,” that you have clung to, a reluctance to face the realities of the faith community.

**We let the old possibilities go, we are ready to grasp fresh possibilities as members of another faith community.**

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Should you wish to have a copy of the **Song: Safe Harbour** with the pictures included, please add your name and email address to the list provided at the end of Service. We will email a copy to you. If you don't have email, please include your mailing address and we will forward you a copy.