



# Mount Royal United Church

"At Mount Royal United Church, our mission is to serve God; living our faith inside and outside these walls and nurturing each individual on their faith journey."

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**July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Congregational responses in bold. (\*) Indicates Standing.

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## *We Come Together*

Prelude

Greeting

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement:

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Jesus has said, search, and you will find,

**All: and so we come searching.**

One: Jesus has said, ask and it will be given to you,

**All: and so we ask, listen and wait.**

One: Jesus has said, knock and the door will be opened,

**All: and so we are here, knocking and hoping.**

One: In our worship Christ has opened the door,

**All: and in joy our souls rest with our divine friend  
and great redeemer.**

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

**Gracious and Loving God, come to us anew in this time of worship. In this moment, we feel the changing pace of our everyday lives and stand in awe of Your world and our place within it. As we come to You in prayer, allow our hearts to draw ever closer to Yours. In silence, let us find You in the words between our words, and in knocking, may**

**the Spirit welcome us in. It is in and through the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" **VU#333**

**Personal Prayer:** "Cradle Me in Your Arms" **MV#91**

*(Concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)*

## **Children's Learning Time**

### **Children's Prayer:**

**We thank you, God, for loving us in ways both big and small, for the many ways we know You, and for the ways we answer Your call. Teach us to listen closely, that in prayer we might hear your voice, and know You walk beside us, in Your friendship we rejoice. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" **MV#30**

### **We Listen to the Word**

#### **Prayer for Understanding**

**Reader:** Caroline Gingles

#### **Scripture Lesson: Luke 11: 1-13**

**One:** This is the wonderous Word of God,

**All:** **light for our living, nourishment in our growing.**

**Sermon** "In Silence We Pray"

**Anthem** "Softly and Tenderly" by Will L. Thompson

#### **Prayers of the People**

### **We Respond to the Word**

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

#### **Offertory Prayer: (unison)**

**Bless, O God, these gifts we offer, shared with open palms rather than clenched fists and given out of gratitude rather than obligation. May they offer life and abundance to any in need and inspire further generosity through the**

**giving and receiving. We are grateful for this opportunity to give and do so in Christ's name. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "May the God of Hope Go with Us" **VU#424**

**Blessing:** (*unison*)

**We go from this place knowing that the God who made us also sustains us. The God who calls us also goes with us, and the God who loves us has loved us from the beginning and throughout all time. Amen.**

**Extinguishing the Christ Candle**

**Postlude**

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**Sound/Prompter operators for the coming weeks:**

**July 24** Tracy, **July 31** Stephen, **Sep 4** Tracy, **Sep 11** Stephen

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**"I Wonder" Box** - Do you wonder why something is in the Bible? How to put faith into action? Do you have an idea or dream to share? There is now an "I Wonder" box at the back of the church for those burning questions, bright ideas or unsolved mysteries. Simply write it down on a slip of paper and place it in the box.

<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Church Lawn or Kitchen</b>
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