



# 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."

**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**First Sunday of Lent**

Congregational responses are in bold.

(\* ) Indicates Standing.

## **We Come Together**

**Prelude...** (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

**\*Introit**

"We Praise You, O God"

**VU# 218**

**\*Lenten Light**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Come in, feel your feet on the ground.

**All: Settle your worries,**

One: take a deep breath,

**All: dust the cobwebs from your ears,**

One: relax the tension in your jaw,

**All: for Christ is here.**

One: God never stops seeking us out.

**All: Let us find God in return,**

One: as we worship the one who took on human form, that we might be free. **Amen.**

**Opening Prayer:** (*unison*)

**Holy One, who reaches out in everlasting love, be with us as we open our hearts and minds in worship. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus, for His friendship, His life, and for our lives lived within His grace. As we enter this new season of Lent, we pray for Your guidance on this path of faith. Bless us with Your wisdom, freedom, and the courage to follow as Christ leads. May our hearts be open to the movement of Your Spirit as You draw ever closer to us in love. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" **VU#371**

**Personal Prayer:** "Come and Fill Our Hearts" x2 **MV#16**  
***Concluding with The Lord's Prayer***

### **Children's Learning Time**

**\*Hymn:** "Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day" **VU#568**

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

**We thank you, God, for calling us, and that we can hear Your voice. There are so many things to do and hear, You help us make our choice. We know that it is Jesus, who leads and helps us feel, Your Spirit deep with in us, that reminds us Your love is real. Amen.**

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

**Prayer for Illumination:** **Reader:**

### **Scripture Lesson:**

**Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11 (*Jesus' first call to Peter*)**

### **Response:**

**One:** As Jesus calls to Peter,

**All:** **may we too hear and follow. Amen.**

### **Sermon**

### **Anthem**

### **Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn:** "Throughout These Lenten Day and Nights" **VU#108**

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

### **Invitation to the Offering**

### **\*Sung Dedication:**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" **VU# 541**

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

**Gracious and Loving God, this offering comes from our hearts, our resources, and our time, in the hope they become a blessing of light for those in darkness. Through these gifts, may the love of Your Spirit enliven and enlighten even the darkest corners of our world, until each**

**of us come to know that we are not alone. Grateful for Christ moving with us, we pray in His holy name. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "In Christ There Is No East or West" **VU#606**

**\*Commissioning:**

**One:** Go now in peace, and on your Lenten journey, may you have the boldness to come to Jesus just as you are, ready for the journey, and ready to be transformed along the way.

**All:** **May God of Grace attend you; the Light of Christ guide you, and the Blessing of the Holy Spirit rest with you, this day and within the week to come. Amen.**

**\*Extinguishing of the Lenten Light**

**\*Choral Benediction** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

***Postlude***

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**This Week's Volunteers**

<b>Ushers:</b> Feb 18 Sandra & Gill Feb 25 Bill & John
<b>Screens:</b> Feb 18 Tracy Feb 25 Kevin Mar 3 Erik Mar 10 Tracy

**This Week's Events**

<b>Monday</b>	Happy Family Day! – office closed		
	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Club</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Church Council</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Choir</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	12:30pm	<b>Bridge</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

**Mount Royal Announcements:**

**Kids Korner Upcoming Dates:** Kids Korner program will run on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.

**2023 Charitable Tax Receipts** are in your mail slot at the back for the sanctuary.