

We Come Together

Greeting

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

All: Jesus went into the city to heal.

One: Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

All: Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.

One: Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

All: but Jesus also went to the wilderness.

One: There is nowhere we can go that God is not,

All: here in this sanctuary of peace, let us worship.

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Holy One, as we enter into this new season, we welcome the call of Your Son Jesus who beckons us into the wilderness with Him. As we walk side-by-side wherever Christ may lead, help us to hear His voice. Let His voice be louder than our filled calendars and rush hour traffic jams; may that voice be clearer than our meeting reminders and to-do-lists. We pray that, throughout this season, You would pause the noise around us allowing our hearts to find their home in You. We rest and listen now as children of Your Grace. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" **VU# 651**

Personal Prayer: "Come and Fill Our Hearts" X 3 **MV# 16**
(*Concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer*)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Slow our hands and hearts, dear God, when the rest of the world moves so fast. Show us Your ways so that we stay with You, even if it means being last. The world You love is so beautiful, but sometimes broken or afraid. So help

us remember that Jesus heals and makes things whole in loving ways. Amen.

***Hymn:** "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" **MV# 138**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Reader: Nancy

God of signs and wonders, we come to your Word once more, seeking new understanding and the life it brings. May Your Spirit be with us in the reading of this Word, opening our hearts and minds to Your Love present with us even in the wilderness. **Amen.**

Scripture Lesson: Luke 4: 1-13

Response: One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God for this Holy Word.

Sermon "Even in the Desert"

Anthem "Blessing"

Prayers of the People

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

There is no place we can go, no where we can run where the Love of God is not present. Just as Jesus encountered his wilderness filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit, so do we. In thanksgiving for this great abundance with which God has gifted us, we return to God a portion of that blessing. May our gifts of time, talent and treasure be multiplied beyond measure and used for the good of this community and world.

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Gracious God, we dedicate to You not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude for Your call in our lives, Your guidance in this Lenten journey and for blessing us, that we can be a blessing to others. Accept what we offer now and bless them to the building of Your great Kingdom. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

VU# 114

***Extinguishing our Lenten Light**

One: As we extinguish this first light of Lent, we do so knowing the abundance of the Holy Spirit remains with us in every time and place.

Closing Prayer:

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to Your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in You as we follow where You lead. Amen.

***Choral Benediction** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" **MV#212**

Postlude

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Screen operators for the coming weeks:
Feb 26 Erik Mar 5 Elizabeth Mar 12 Tracy

Ushers for the coming weeks:
Feb 26 Bill S. & John Mar 5 Eleanor & Ensor Mar 12 Bill R. & John

This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Church Council	Boardroom
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	12:00pm	Writer's Circle	Boardroom
	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall

Vacation Notice - Please note that Rev. Scott Stuart will be on vacation from March 1st – March 12th.

Mount Royal's Annual General Meeting will be held on March 19th at 10:30am.