



# 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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March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Congregational responses are in bold.

(\*) Indicates Standing.

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## *We Come Together*

### Prelude

\***Introit** "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

**VU# 213**

### Land Acknowledgement

### Lighting of Lenten Candles

### Announcements

### Call to Worship

One: On our worst days,

**All: God is good.**

One: On our best days,

**All: God is good.**

One: When life is consistent,

**All: God is good.**

One: And when life turns on its head,

**All: God is good.**

One: Day and night. Monday through Sunday,

**All: God is good. God is here. God is love.**

One: Hold tight to that good news. Let us worship God!

### Opening Prayer: *(unison)*

**We know by your gospel story, God, how Jesus met people in their hurt and need. He turned their despair into hope, their sorrow into joy, their anxiety into peace, their fear into an awareness of your presence. Speak to us in the coming days of this Lenten season. We too, need your healing hand, your inner strength, and the quiet confidence we are not alone. We pray as we journey, through Jesus Christ, our companion and friend. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Seek Ye First" **VU# 356**

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

## **Children's Learning Time**

### **Children's Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love" **VU# 574**

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

**Prayer for Understanding:**

**Reader: Marlene**

### **Scripture Lesson:**

**Numbers 21:4-9**

**John 3:14-21**

### **Response**

One: This is the living Word of God,

**All: Light for our way, hope for our hearts.**

### **Sermon**

**Anthem** "Return to You"

Offered by: Cathy Elderkin

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

**VU# 633**

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

### **Invitation to the Offering**

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

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**VU# 541**

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

**Extravagant God, you lavish upon us acceptance and love, and all you ask is that we accept and love others. As we offer these gifts, we express our commitment to your way. Receive our hesitant attempts to bring hope and**

**shalom to this congregation and to your aching world. In the name of the giving Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Amazing Grace"

**VU# 26**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Extinguishing of the Lenten Light**

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

***Postlude***

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**This Week's Volunteers**

**Ushers:** Mar 10 Sue R & John Mar 17 Annie & John

Mar 24 Marlene & John

**Screens:** Mar 10 Tracy Mar 17 Kevin Mar 24 Erik

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	11:30am	<b>Pastoral Care</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Club</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
	11:30am	<b>UCW</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>
<b>Saturday</b>	11:00am	<b>Betsy Innes Funeral</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

**Mount Royal Announcements:**

**Notice of Mount Royal's Annual Meeting:** Meeting will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. The 2023 Annual Report was emailed out on March 8<sup>th</sup>. If you would like a printed hard copy of the report, please contact the office. Printed copies of the financials and the nominating report will be available **for all attendees** at the meeting.

**UCW** will meet on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in the boardroom. This meeting will include "Show and Tell".

**Lunch with Friends:** Thurs., March 21st @ noon. Sign up at the back of the church or in the office until March 18th at noon! The cost is \$7.00 payable at the lunch. Menu is Ham & Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli, Brownies and Ice Cream.