

**We Come Together**

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

**Introit** "Every Morning is Easter Morning"

**Greeting**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Land Acknowledgement:**

As we gather to celebrate in the new light of Easter, we continue the work of reconciliation, acknowledging that the land upon which we gather today is the traditional and unceded land of the Wabanaki people. In this region, they are the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. Here, may the risen Christ continue to guide us as we seek healing and peace with all Indigenous siblings.

**Announcements**

**Minute for Earth Day – (The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of the United Church of Canada)**

**Call to Worship:**

One: This is the Easter season,

**All: the celebration of resurrection.**

One: The festival of hope,

**All: the promise of new beginnings.**

One: The dance of faith,

**All: the song of joy.**

One: The music of gladness,

**All: the hymn of love,**

One: The time of connection and reconnection,

**All: a time of renewal and relationship.**

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

**Almighty God, you have loved us since before we were born, and you have gathered your people from every tribe and language into holy relationship with you. Join us now in the movement of your Spirit in worship; allow your**

**Spirit to reach and bless each heart and grant us the stillness, the peace and the quiet that our souls long for, that we may meet you in this holy place. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Lord, Speak to Me"

**VU# 589**

**Personal Prayer: (MV# 16 "Come and Fill Our Hearts) X 2  
(Concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)**

**We Listen to the Word**

**Children's Time**

**Children's Time Prayer:**

**Jesus, we thank you for being our friend, and for Your Spirit that's with us each day. Thank you for loving and caring for us, for showing us to live in God's way. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Jesus Loves Me"

**VU# 365**

**Prayer for Understanding**

**Reader: Lee**

God of Light, Your Love for us is without limit, reaching beyond our wildest imaginations. As we receive your Word this day, let Your Spirit bless us and our understanding. Allow your Word to so guide our lives that the light of this Easter Sunday shines through our living. In the name of our Risen friend, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Scripture Lesson: John 10: 22-30 (The Good Shepherd)**

**Response:**

**One:** This the Good News of the Risen Christ.

**All: Rest for our souls, love for our hearts.**

**Sermon** "Holy Rest"

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Anthem** "Cover the World with Love"

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

### **Invitation to the Offering**

God provides abundantly for us and calls us to give generously to those in need. With gratitude for the blessings we have received, let us offer our gifts to our community and world that others may be so blessed.

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

**Holy God, Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with the oil of gladness; your love overflows our hearts. Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you. Bless all we have to offer; in Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn:** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" **VU# 382**

### **Benediction: (*unison*)**

One: Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing, and create.

**All: We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.**

One: Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.

**All: We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.**

One: Go into the world: breathe, rest, pause and reconnect; find your place of holy rest.

**All: We go with the assurance of your love, O God. Thanks be to God, Amen!**

***Christ's Light carries on...***

### **\*Choral Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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#### ***Screen operators for the coming weeks:***

**Apr 16** Stephen **Apr 23** Erik **Apr 30** Elizabeth **May 7** Tracy

#### ***Ushers for the coming weeks:***

**Apr 16** Terry & Karen **Apr 23** Bill S. & John **Apr 30** Val B & John

## This Week's Events

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</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 Practice</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	12:00pm	<b>Lunch with Friends</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	5:30pm	<b>Rummage Sale</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00pm	<b>Rummage Sale</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

**The Moncton Music Festival will be using the Sanctuary  
Mon-Fri this week during the day.**

**Scouts and Guides meet in the church hall Mon – Thurs evenings**

**Grocery Gift Cards** are available! Please contact the office at 855-5771 or office@mountroyaluc.ca (or simply stop by during open office hours) to purchase one today!

**Lunch with Friends** Thurs., April. 20th @ noon. Sign up at the back of the church or in the office until tomorrow, April 17th at 1pm! The cost is \$7.00 payable at the lunch. Menu is Mac & Cheese, plus dessert, tea and coffee.

**Rummage Sale: Apr 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30 – 8pm & Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> 8-11am**

Are you doing some spring cleaning and would like to donate items?? Please help spread the word to your friends and neighbours to make this our most successful sale yet! Donations can be dropped off after church on Apr 16<sup>th</sup> or Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1:30pm.

**Pancake Breakfast April 29<sup>th</sup>** – Join us for this delicious breakfast fundraiser! \$10 a person or \$35 a family.

**Visioning Report Group Discussion May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9am –12pm.**

Is the long-term viability of Mount Royal important to you? Of course it is! Please plan to actively participate in the visioning discussions. What a great way to mark our anniversary as a church family by planning for our future!

The Visioning Committee recommendations were included in the 2022 Annual Report. Those recommendations for keeping Mt. Royal a vital, vibrant part of the community will be discussed, followed by a light lunch. Join us for small table group discussions facilitated by Rev Kendall Harrison. If you have any questions or to rsvp your intention to participate, contact the office at 506-855-5771 or [office@mountroyaluc.ca](mailto:office@mountroyaluc.ca)

**A Night of Music May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm** – Bring your friends and family to enjoy an evening of music with MRUC choir, Visions United choir as well as guest musicians. Free will offering.

**Broadview Magazine Subscription** – It's time to renew your Broadview Subscription. Please speak with Jennifer to confirm renewal and send your \$25 to the office. Curious about Broadview? We welcome new subscribers too!

### **Community Events:**

**1st Jones Lake Scouting:** Try your first 2 meetings for FREE! ALL Youth Ages 5 - 17 are welcome! Programs Offered: **Beavers** (Ages 5 – 7) • **Cubs** (Ages 8 – 10) • **Scouts** (Ages 11 – 14) • **Venturers** (Ages 14 – 17). More info call/text Daniel @ 864-0028.

**Riversong Concert** "Spring Mix" Sunday, April 23rd at 3pm at MRUC. Tickets are \$15 children under 12 are free. Available at Cover to Cover Books in Riverview, from Riversong members, or at the door. For more information visit [Facebook.com/RiversongNB](https://www.facebook.com/RiversongNB)

*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.*

