

**UCW Worship Service for the 100th Anniversary
of the United Church of Canada**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

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:** "Sing Your Joy" **VU#253 vs.1**

Announcements

Call to Worship: (*on screens*)

***Hymn:** Come In, Come In and Sit Down **VU#395**

Opening Prayer: (unison)

Creator God, we come in search of unity with others and with You. We have not always listened. We have not always heard. We come in gratitude to You for walking with us on our journey. Be with us now as You have been with those who have gone before. Be near us as we strive to listen to each other and welk together as one United Church. We welcome all to celebrate God's presence in their lives. Let us join to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. In His name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

Personal Prayer Veni Sancte Spiritus x2 **MV#75**

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

God, we thank You for our church, for people who followed Your call. For the ways that our church is a spiritual home for people big and small. As we move into the future, seeking love and joy and peace, let Your Spirit move in us—let Your dream for us increase. Amen.

***Hymn:** Dance with the Spirit x 3 **MV#156**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination:

Tracy

Scripture Lessons:

First Reading: **1 Samuel 3: 1-19**

Tracy

Second Reading: **John 21: 20-25**

Trudy

Response:

One: Hear where the Spirit is calling:

All: Let us answer with faith and courage.

Anthem: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Sermon

***Hymn:** I, the Lord of Sea & Sky

VU#509

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

***Sung Dedication:**

In Gratitude and Humble Trust

VU#544

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

Loving God, You have given us so much and have called us to use our time, talents and financial gifts, united in Your service. Receive our gifts as an expression of our love for You and of our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ. Use them for the total mission of the United Church, responding to Your call to build a new and better world for tomorrow. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

VU#468

Service of Holy Communion

One: We have heard about God, who loved confusion into order and gave each creature a divine image, making the world.

All: We have heard about Jesus, a poor man whose banquet feeds the world, a healer whose wounds give life,

a teacher whose wisdom traces love's order in the world, finding the divine in each of us.

One: We have heard how Jesus died, and how, for those who loved Him, He rose again.

All: We have heard about the Holy Spirit, who breaks the bonds of race and class, of gender and creed, to show God's love for everyone.

One: And we have heard that love makes all things new. We come to this table asking for the bread of such blessings.

All: In what we do here, God, let Your Love be revealed: renewing and remaking us in the image of Jesus our friend and great redeemer.

One: Loving God, you have called us together as one great family and so today we join with all your people on earth praising your name in the unending heavenly hymn...

All (Sung): "Kingsfold Communion Set"

MV# 203

In the fullness of time, you sent the Chosen one, Jesus of Nazareth; The Christ, your own, to call your splintered creation together. He came preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins and to those who responded, he announced them joint heirs of eternal love with him. When the stubborn forces of darkness threatened to bring his life to an end, He called his followers together and took bread...

Now we gather at Christ's table to remember and to share in this feast of love. In remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Let us pray: Holy One, Creator of all people and worlds, send now upon this bread and cup your life-giving Spirit. May this outpouring of the promised Spirit transfigure this thanksgiving meal, that this bread and cup may become for us a bond, binding us to you and to one another. That we may be one body and one spirit in Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Fraction and Pouring

Distribution of the Elements

***Hymn:** We Celebrate This History By: Betty Radford Turcott

Commissioning: *(In Unison)*

Loving God, here we are. You call us to serve You to walk new paths, not knowing where we are going. Yet, we know that Your hand will lead us and Your love will support us. We go out in Faith, Hope and Love.

Benediction and Changing of the Light

***Choral Benediction:** You Shall Go Out With Joy **VU#884**

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

<i>Ushers:</i>	May 25	Bill S. & John	June 1	Trudy S. & John
<i>Screens:</i>	May 25	Erik	June 1	Erik
			June 15	Erik

This Week’s Calendar

Tues	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
Wed	7:00pm	Church Council	Boardroom

*Tai Chi is offered on Mon, Wed & Fri

Announcements:

UCW RECYCLE LIST: Paper rolls from paper towels and bathroom tissue will be collected in the month of June.



**The South-East New Brunswick
Centennial Service of Celebration**

June 8th @11am

St. John's United Church (75 Alma St.)

- *Parking made easy!* There will be Coach Atlantic shuttle buses running from the old Moncton High parking lot (207 Church St.). Simply arrive to the parking lot, park your car, and hop on the shuttle bus. Buses run from 9:30am – 2:00pm.
- *Accessible building!* St. John's United has an elevator, wheelchair access, washrooms and ushers.
- *Take a walk down memory lane:* there will be a historical slide show, thoughtfully selected hymns, memorabilia, and much more!
- *Music FYI:* Music ministry will be provided by combined church choirs
- *Wonderful reception* to follow the service with refreshments, cake and sandwiches
- *Remember,* this service replaces Mount Royal's so please plan to attend.
- *Have a question?* Please reach out to Gail, Val T. or Emily