



Mount Royal United Church

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June 4th, 2023 – (First Sunday After Pentecost)

Congregational responses in bold.

We Come Together

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

Introit

Greeting

Lighting the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement:

Announcements

Minute for Mission

Call to Worship:

One: Many are the reasons we gather:

All: we are one as the Body of Christ.

One: Excited, anxious, reluctant, eager:

All: we are one as the Body of Christ.

One: Called here, sent here, drawn here, just here:

All: we are one as the Body of Christ.

One: Let us open our hearts and minds to God's Hope which surrounds us and holds us.

All: God is present here. Let us worship!

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

God of Hope, we come into Your presence this day as Your people, trusting that You will meet us here. Give us the patience to listen, confidence to learn and grow, openness

to try new things, courage to be ourselves, as we follow Your Spirit and worship this day in faith. Fill our hearts with Your hope that knows no bounds and enliven our whole selves so that we become beacons of hope for one another and throughout Your world. In Christ's name we pray, Amen!

***Hymn:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" **VU# 288**

Personal Prayer: "O God We Call" x2 **VU# 411**
(Concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

We Listen to the Word

Children's Time

Children's Time Prayer:

Dear God, Your Spirit came on the rush of a blowing wind, and it settled upon Your people, making us all kin. Your Spirit lives in us, and helps us all to know, that Your seeds of hope have been planted, with Your love to help them grow. Let hope always be with us, like a warm hug everyday, and Spirit, travel with us as we learn and grow and play. Amen.

Hymn: "Like a Healing Stream" **MV# 144**

Prayer for Understanding

Reader: Susan

Give us, O God, the will to receive again the stories of scripture, well-worn, well-learned but always full of new and rich meaning. Give us not only ears to receive the story but hearts to understand. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm: **Psalm 8** (VU pg. 732 with sung refrain)

Old Testament: **Jeremiah 29: 4-14**

Gospel: **Matthew 28: 16-20**

Response:

One: This is the Word of God,
All: weaving hope into our lives.

Sermon "Hope"

Anthem "Living Hope"

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn:** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" **VU# 509**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)*

Take these gifts, Loving God, and receive them as treasures of our commitment to You; take our lives and transform them through Your healing power. Empower us to bring wholeness to those who need a sense of Your Hope in their lives. May we lose ourselves in serving others, not counting the cost, but know that You reveal Yourself in each gift. Bless our giving and our action, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn:** "May the God of Hope Go with Us" **VU# 424**

Commissioning: *(unison)*

One: As we go: Let us experience the voice of God assuring us that we are not alone, that we are loved, and surrounded by signs of hope.

All: We go now out into the world living authentic lives guided by the Spirit, surrounded by hope and to be a source of hope for others. Amen.

Benediction:

May God's ever-present love warm your being. May you see the footsteps of Christ walking beside you and feel the winds of the Spirit, guiding us on in Grace. **Amen.**

Extinguishing of the Christ Light

***Choral Benediction** "May the Peace of God..." **MV#222**

Postlude

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Screen operators for the coming weeks:

June 4 Tracy **June 11** Elizabeth **June 18** Erik **June 25** Elizabeth

Ushers for the coming weeks:

June 4 Sue & John **June 11** Marlene & John **May 28** Eleanor & Ensor

This Week's Events June 5th-11th

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	12:00pm	Writer's Circle	Boardroom
	7:00pm	Fun Day Planning	Boardroom
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall

Scouts meet throughout the week in the social hall.

Mount Royal Announcements:

Photo Directories have arrived! If you had your photo taken in Nov. 2022 or requested a copy from Emily, please pick yours up during regular office hours or call to make other pick up arrangements.

Remember Last Year's Fun!?! Would you consider lending a hand to help plan a fall 2023 Community Event? Curious to know more? Join us for an Information/Brainstorming session on June 7th @ 7pm in the boardroom.

Grocery Gift Cards are available! Please contact the office or purchase one today!

Community Events:

Codiac Concert Band has its 20th Anniversary Concert on June 9th at 7pm in the Mathieu Martin Auditorium, Dieppe. Features Candace Scott and Lee Wilson and former MRUC member Suzanne (DeWitt) Gaskin. Speak to a band member about tickets or see the Codiac Concert Band's Facebook page.

Council Highlights from May 23rd Council Meeting - OUTREACH:

We are pleased to be able to donate \$1000 of Sobeys gift cards to the Peter McKee Food Bank and \$500 of Sobeys gift cards to the breakfast program at St. George's Anglican Church.



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