



# 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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**June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – (Third Sunday After Pentecost)**

**Congregational responses in bold.**

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## **We Come Together**

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

**Introit** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" **VU#315**

**Greeting**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: God is in you,

**All: And also, in you!**

One: We have come together to worship and pray,

**All: to feel God's presence in a personal way.**

One: There are scriptures to receive; gifts of music and praise.

**All: We are ready to learn; we have hearts to raise.**

One: The dance of Love goes on and on.

**All: The music of the Spirit in our song.**

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

**Meet us here, Holy One, in this sanctuary of time and space, that You had first set apart. We gladly enter into this day. May our worship be a time of renewal and invitation for Your Spirit to enter our hearts and homes. In a world**

**that is aching and divided, allow our prayers to be a gentle and soothing gift of vulnerable love, offered in Your name and in the spirit of Your gathered people. With, in and through Your son, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Morning Has Broken" **VU# 409**

**Personal Prayer:** "O God We Call" X 2 **VU# 411**  
***(Concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)***

***We Listen to the Word***

**Children's Time**

**Children's Time Prayer:**

**We give you thanks this day, dear God, for love and joy and peace: these gifts help us to know You, and to feel Your love increase. When life is hard and scary, help us to know You are there. Let Your love grow inside us, showing the world that we care. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Bathe Me in Your Light" **MV# 82**

**Prayer for Understanding** **Reader:** Karen H.

**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 116 (VU pg. 836 with sung refrain)**

**Gospel:** **Matthew 9:35-10:13**

**Response:**

**One:** This is God's living Word,

**All:** **a gift to our lives and living.**

**Sermon** "Vulnerable Love"

**Anthem** "Just as I am, I Come"

## **Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" **VU# 512**

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

## **Invitation to the Offering**

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

**O God, we know of Your restoring Love in the welcome of stranger, through the touch of a friend, and in the movement of Your Spirit this day. Allow us to always be mindful of Your Love that has been poured into our hearts to share. In the offering of our gifts, we pray that you would take all that we offer, and all that we are, binding together a fractured world in unity and peace. May Your Love continue to work through us and in us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence" **VU# 421**

**Commissioning:** (*unison*)

**One:** As we go out into the week ahead, we go as disciples blessed by God's Love to be God's Love for one another.

**All:** **We go with God's Grace enfolding us, with Jesus' walking beside us, and the Spirit of Love guiding each step of our journey. Amen.**

## **Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

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

## **Postlude**

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**Screen operators for the coming weeks:**

**June 18** Erik    **June 25** Elizabeth    **July 2** Tracy

**Ushers for the coming weeks:**

**June 18** Annie T & John    **June 25** Sandra & Gill    **July 2** Bill S. & Bill R.

**This Week's Events**

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	10:00am	<b>M&amp;P Meeting</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Church Council</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

**Mount Royal Announcements:**

**Photo Directories!** If you had your photo taken in Nov. 2022 please pick up your complimentary directory during regular office hours or call to make other pick up arrangements.

**Bulletin Dedications:** If you would like to dedicate a bulletin in memory of a loved one or to say thanks or in recognition of a special occasion (eg - birthday, anniversary, graduation...) please contact the office. \$25 is the suggested donation.

**Food donations:** We collect food items for the Alimentaire Peter McKee food bank. Drop off in the bin at the Bessborough door.

**Congratulations to Sandra Foreman-Webb** for receiving Life Membership in United Church Women for her dedication and commitment to Mount Royal's UCW.

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## **Let Us Give Thanks to Our Creator**

Let us give thanks to our Creator  
for the Creator is always with us.

### **God is with us in the call of a loon and in the flight of an eagle.**

Our Creator is with us in the changing of the seasons.

### **God is with us when we gather together and when we are alone.**

Our Creator is with us in our giftedness  
and in our search for new understandings of ourselves,  
new visions of our communities.

### **Let us give thanks to God, our Creator.**

- *A prayer from The Dancing Sun*

## **June 21<sup>st</sup> is National Indigenous Peoples Day**

United Church of Canada's Moderator, **Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne** shares a few ideas of ways to recognize this day:

- Attend a local celebration or cultural event.
- Learn to introduce yourself in the Indigenous language or languages from where you live or work.
- Add to the Indigenous economy—support Indigenous businesses by shopping or dining in Indigenous-owned stores and restaurants
- Listen to Indigenous music.
- Visit an art gallery or museum with a show curated by Indigenous Peoples.
- Read a book—fiction, nonfiction, or poetry—by an Indigenous author.
- Watch a movie or TV show featuring Indigenous direction, screenwriting, and acting.

**Listen to her full message:** [united-church.ca/news/moderators-message-national-indigenous-peoples-day-2023](https://united-church.ca/news/moderators-message-national-indigenous-peoples-day-2023)