



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."

June 25th, 2023 – (Fourth Sunday After Pentecost)

* indicates standing

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

Greeting

Lighting the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: We come at God's call,

All: offering our hearts and our thanksgiving to the one who welcomes us in.

One: We come at the sound of Christ's voice,

All: who rejoices as we worship, pray, sing and praise.

One: We come at the Spirit's direction,

All: following God's Grace that surrounds us and holds us.

One: Come one and all to worship,

All: welcome one and all home!

Opening Prayer: *(unison)*

Gracious and Holy One, once more we enter this time of worship, longing to hear Your voice calling us by name. Calling us in from the business of this week, in from our appointments and schedules, in from the frantic pace of everyday living, to once again claim our home in Your heart. It is through Grace and Grace alone that we are welcomed in from the fringes of life, and we rejoice in Your Love that reaches beyond all limitations to find us, hold us, and assure us that we are not alone. You have promised that the lost would be found and for this we rejoice in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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:

You call to us, dear God of love, and call us each by name. When we are lost, You search for us, Your deep love to proclaim. We are precious in Your sight, for Jesus tells us so. Pour out Your Spirit upon us now, so that each of us might grow. Amen.

***Hymn:** "I Am Walking a Path of Peace" **MV# 221**
(x3 replacing "Peace" with "Love", "Grace", "Hope)

Prayer for Understanding:

Reader: Sandra

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 hear the story but hearts to understand. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm: 122 (pg. 845 in VU with sung refrain)

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-10

Response:

One: This is the Word of God,

All: **seeking out the lost, calling us by name.**

Sermon "Lost and Found"

Anthem "Prelude in D Flat Major" Performed by: Mark Blakney

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn:** "The King of Love" **VU# 273**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Wondrous and Living God, Your love knows no end. As followers of Your way, we too, seek to extend Your invitation of love and inclusion to all people. Along with this offering comes our desire for all to be welcomed and to know of Your presence in every moment of living; that the lost may be counted among the found. Bless this offering today and bless us in Your continued ministry in our day to day living. Amen.

***Hymn:** "All Creatures of Our God and King" **VU# 217**

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 25 Elizabeth **July 2** Tracy **July 9** Stephen

Ushers for the coming weeks:

June 25 Sandra & Gill **July 2** Bill S. & Bill R. **July 9** Sue R. & John

This Week's Events

Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Trustee Meeting	Boardroom
Saturday	Happy Canada Day!		

Mount Royal Announcements:

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.

Blessings for a New Day

Rise to blessing.
Rise to gratitude.
Rise to potential.
Rise to goodness.
Rise to generosity.
Rise to appreciation.
Rise to hopefulness.
Rise to new life.

Rise
like Jesus did
for God has blessed you
with a day too beautiful
to miss.
Amen.



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