



# 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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July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

\*Indicates standing

Congregational responses in bold.

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## *We Come Together*

Prelude

Greeting

Lighting the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

### Call to Worship:

One: We name You Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**All: and we open our lives to you, God of many names.**

One: We name You Prince of Peace, Mother, Emmanuel,

**All: and we open our hearts to you, God of many names.**

One: We call You Friend, Lord of Love, Light of the world,

**All: and we open our minds to you, God of many names.**

One: No matter the name, we gather now to worship,

**All: to be held by Grace in prayer and in praise.**

### Opening Prayer: *(unison)*

**Gracious God, through the great symphony of voices that surround us, Yours is the voice we listen for and Yours is the voice we need. Be with us now in the moment of this worship, drawing us deeper into Your presence that is alive and among us. Allow the rhythm of Your heartbeat to draw us closer to you so that we may find peace, rest, and our lives in You. In Jesus' tender name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "See the Morning Sun Ascending" **VU# 406**

**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:** *(Repeat After Me)*

**Thank you, God, that this family is made of me and You. You made each one of us in Your image, giving us different things to do. Help us to hear Jesus calling to follow in His way, that we can use the gifts we have to help people every day. In the name of the Spirit, we offer this prayer, that it leads us and stays with us, helping us to care. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "I Am the Dream" **MV# 106**

**Prayer for Understanding** Reader: **Helen**

### **Scripture Lessons:**

**Old Testament: Exodus 1:8-2:10**

**Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20**

### **Response:**

**One:** This is Word of God.

**All:** **May this Word continue to speak and guide us in our living.**

**Sermon** "Who Do You Say That I Am?"

### **Anthem**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** "In Christ There Is No East or West" **VU# 606**

## **We Respond to the Word**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

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

**Gracious God, as we bring to You the ordinary things of this life, we also bring ourselves: all that we have been, all that we are, and all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in Your way. Take and bless our offering to the work of Your church and to the benefit of Your world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "To Show by Touch and Word"

**VU# 427**

**Closing Blessing:** (*unison*)

**May the love of God take root in us,  
The Peace of Christ ground us,  
And the Holy Spirit grow in us,  
Now and in our week ahead.  
Amen.**

**Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

**\*Choral Benediction** "I Am Walking a Path of Peace" **MV#221**

**Postlude**

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**This bulletin is dedicated to Nadine and Sheldon Nicholson who celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 7<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations from the Nicholson Family!**

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

**July 16 Erik July 23 Elizabeth July 30 Tracy**

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

**July 16 Annie & John B. July 23 Marlene & John B.**

**This Week's Events**

<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
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**Mount Royal Announcements:**

**Summer closure dates:** Mount Royal United Church, including the church office, will be closed from July 31<sup>st</sup> – Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>.

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