



# 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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Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

\*Indicates Standing

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: Love's voice calls, moving us beyond all that divides.

**All: Come, let us follow Love's way.**

One: With Grace, Love welcomes all that we are.

**All: Come, let us follow Love's way.**

One: Love invites us to be enfolded by fellowship in community.

**All: Come, let us follow Love's way.**

One: Love created us all as kin with Christ at our center.

**All: Come, let us follow Love's way.**

One: May God's Love warm us,

**All: in the rhythm of this worship and in the rhythm of our lives.**

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

**Holy One, as we enter into worship this day, we come as Your people, searching for Your Light and direction in our lives. Open our hearts and ears as You call each of us by**

**name: speaking in silence, in song, in scripture, and in fellowship this sabbath day. Allow us then, to be led by Your Spirit that breaks through the barriers that separate us from you and from one another. May Your Light guide us, and may we then, be that Light for another. Amen.**

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

**Personal Prayer:** "Lord, Listen to Your Children..." x2 **VU# 400**  
*(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, for one more day, to praise and love and grow. Help us to love like Jesus loves, to know You like Jesus knows. Send Your Spirit with us, for courage and strength, and trust. Thank you, God, that we help create a world that is loving and caring and just. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "I Have Called You by Your Name" **MV#161**

**Prayer for Understanding:** **Reader: Val**

#### **Scripture Lessons:**

**Epistle: Romans 13: 8-14**

**Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20**

#### **Response:**

**One:** Speak to us, Spirit, through these readings.

**All: Guide our hearts and hands.**

**Sermon** "Where two or three are gathered"

#### **Anthem**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" **VU#333**

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

### **Invitation to the Offering**

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

**Loving God, we have much to offer because we have received much from your hands. We are overjoyed at what we have been given and it is from that place of joy that we now make our offerings of time, talent, and treasure. We pray that You would take these offerings and bless them to the good of Your people and the good of Your church. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"

**VU#232**

#### **Commissioning:** *(unison)*

One: God has put a new song in our hearts.

**All: We go to sing a new song to the Lord.**

One: God has put a song of justice and peace in our souls.

**All: We go to bring a new song to the world.**

One: God has put a song of joy into our very being.

**All: We go to live a new song with every step we take.  
Amen.**

### **Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

**\*Choral Benediction** "I am walking a Path of Peace" **MV#221**

### **Postlude**

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#### ***Screen operators:***

**Sept 10** Erik

**Sept 17** Elizabeth

**Sept 24** Tracy

#### ***Ushers:***

**Sept 10** Sue R & John

**Sept 17** Sandra & Gil

**Sept 24** Annie & John

## This Week's Events

<b>Monday</b>	11:30am	<b>Pastoral Care</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Worship Committee</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	11:30am	<b>UCW Meeting</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	11:30am	<b>Community Fun Day</b>	<b>Outdoors</b>

### **Mount Royal Announcements:**

**UCW Meeting:** United Church Women meet on Tuesday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> in the boardroom.

**Community Fun Day – Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 11:30am-1:30pm:** This is a fun, social event that includes food, games, a bouncy castle and more!

**Donations:** If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this event please label it "Community Fun Day". **Volunteers:** We are looking for more volunteers (cooks, lawn game leaders, welcomers) as well as cookie donations. **Group Leaders:** We are looking for all groups that meet at the church to be represented with a little display indicating what they do and or how people can join or get involved. **United Church Women (UCW):** UCW will be in attendance. Details will be provided in the fall. Plan to join us for coffee and fellowship!

Able to lend a hand? Contact the office or email [councilchair@mountroyaluc.ca](mailto:councilchair@mountroyaluc.ca)

### **Community Announcements:**

**Handbell Choir Opportunity:** Visions United is hosting an informal get together for anyone interested in a United Church Handbell Choir. Come and meet other potential "ringers", try a few bells and get info about the choir. Visions United Church, 140 Joyce Ave, Thurs, Sept 21st, 7-8:00 PM. More information: [marthashaw11@gmail.com](mailto:marthashaw11@gmail.com)

**St. Paul's Senior Exercise Classes (60+)** Every **Tues & Thurs 9-10AM** (404 Cleveland Avenue, Riverview). **Sept 12th - Dec 14th** Jane Cowan is a certified trained senior instructor, with a focus on senior core fitness, balance and memory exercises. No floor work. Weights, balls, rubber bands and chairs in some classes. Contact St. Paul's Office 506-386-3335 for details.

## **Calling All Singers! Start-up for the Mount Allison Choral**

**Society!** Choral Society is a choir of approx. 50 singers. Oct 22, Choral Society will present Brahms' *Schicksalslied*, in collab with the NB Choral Federation and the Mount A Chamber Orchestra. Choral Society rehearsals are held on Tues (beginning Sept 12<sup>th</sup>) from 7:00 - 9:30 pm at the Marjorie Young Bell Conservatory of Music (134 Main Street, Sackville). ***No audition necessary.***

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### **A prayer for the children we love at the start of the school year:**

Loving God,  
parent of us all,

please bless precious <<*insert names*>> as they start their school year.

May they never lose their excitement or enthusiasm for learning.

May the spark of creativity, possibility and adventure remain strong in them.

Keep them safe from all harm,  
including harmful thoughts and ideologies.

May all who encounter them show respect and kindness, and  
may they be loving, kind and respectful.

Bless them and help him to shine, and  
may this be true for all kids.

Amen.

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