



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."

Oct 22nd, 2023 - Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

* Indicates Standing

Congregational responses in bold.

We Come Together

Prelude

Introit "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

VU#213

Greeting

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: The Spirit of the Living God has brought us together at this time and in this place;

All: We are here to encounter the Holy.

One: God reaches into our hearts and spirits to remind us of our specialness, that we are the children of the Living God.

All: We have a need to connect to a power that is bigger and more eternal than ourselves. We find wholeness in response to God.

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

God of justice, God of peace, God of love, we raise our hearts to you in prayer, filled with the hope you will continue to touch our lives. In our worship, may we join with you, empowered by your Spirit, to live faithfully as witnesses to your love, proclaiming your gospel in Jesus.

***Hymn:** "Take Time to Be Holy"

VU#672

Personal Prayer: "Don't Be Afraid" x2

MV#90

(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

We Listen to the Word

Children's Time Belonging

***Hymn:** "Jesus Loves Me"

VU#365

Prayer for Understanding

Reader: Esther

Scripture Lesson:

Exodus 33:12-23

Matthew 22: 15-22

Response:

One: This is the Word of God,

All: **light for our living, love for our hearts.**

Sermon

Anthem "A Thankful Heart"

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn:** "I Love to Tell the Story"

VU#343

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Sung Dedication:

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

VU#541

Offertory Prayer

***Hymn:** "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"

VU#635

Closing Blessing

Extinguishing of the Christ Light

***Choral Benediction** "May God's Sheltering Wings" **MV#214**

Postlude

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Screen operators:

Oct 22 Tracy **Oct 29** Erik **Nov 5** Tracy **Nov 12** Erik

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This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	12:30pm	Bridge	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall

Mount Royal Announcements:

Halloween Muffin & Coffee Event! Oct 31st from 9:30am - 11:30am!
Join us for this fun, social, good will offering event - we'd love to see you and catch up over some delicious goodies!

Pancake Breakfast - November 4th @ 8:30am – 11:30am Please join us for the most delicious fundraiser of the year!!! \$10 per person or \$35 for a family. Donations also gratefully accepted!

Financial Summary to September 30th:

	YTD	Budget	Remaining
RECEIPTS			
Local offerings	107,304	153,500	46,196
Grant revenue	30,094	27,321	Goal Met
Fundraising & Other	13,679	19,825	6,146
TOTAL RECEIPTS	151,077	200,646	52,342
OPERATING EXPENSES			
	190,271	243,700	53,429
NET	(39,194)	(43,054)	(1,087)

In order to break even for the year based on anticipated expenses, the Church requires total additional collections by December 31, 2023 of \$94,600. Your continued support is encouraged and very much appreciated!

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