



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."

April 3rd, 2022 – Lent 5

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)*

Greeting

Lenten Lights

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Paul was on a journey, and the Spirit spoke.

All: In this time, on our road, may the Spirit speak to us.

One: Paul was on a journey, with pride as his guide.

All: May God disturb our certainty until love alone leads us.

One: Paul was on a journey, gifted and changed by Grace.

All: In this time and on this path, may that same Grace follow us and enfold us.

One: Paul was on a journey, and found Christ by his side.

All: As we worship in this Lenten time, may we too be so blessed.

Opening Prayer: *(unison)*

Eternal God, source of all life, we marvel at the great gift of your Love. Your sacred name is echoed throughout

the universe as well as within the depths of our hearts. Your message of justice, forgiveness, and new life resounds throughout life calling us into relationship with you. As we worship this day, may your Grace so enfold our living that our steps fall in time with yours and our lives reflect your Love for all people. In the Tender name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Hymn: Forty Days and Forty Nights **VU#114**

Prayer of Confession:

Compassionate Christ, too often we leave you on the cross. We have heard you teach and have felt your healing touch; but so often, we prefer you silent. Open our hearts in such a way that we may dare to embody your care in this world. You faced the forces of violence with peace and love and conquered them with compassion. Open our hearts to feel the love of God enabling your Kingdom to truly come. Forgive us our inclination to be bystanders when Christ calls us to act. Too often we leave you on the cross, O Jesus. Forgive us and allow your Grace to lead us. Amen.

(silence)

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Friends, Jesus knew what it was to be human. As he lived, called, and taught his disciples patience and compassion was their inexhaustible well. The Grace of Christ is with us this day. In that Grace we are forgiven, we are called, and we are sent out to care for the world that Jesus so loves. **Amen.**

We Listen to the Word

Children's Time

Children's Time Prayer:

Your Grace, dear God, is a gift to us, that you never ask us to earn. You freely give it because you love us, and now we must

love in return. Thank you for Jesus, who shows us your Grace in the stories that we hear. Let your Spirit change and nudge us, for with Grace there is nothing to fear. **Amen.**

Hymn: I Am a Child of God **MV#157**

Prayer for Understanding **Reader:** Esther Mah

Scripture Lesson: Philippians 3: 4b-14

One: This is the Word of God

All: Light for our journey and Grace for our lives.

Sermon "Cancelling Cancel Culture"

Anthem "Behold the Lamb"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

It's not often we receive a gift with no expectation of return. However, the free gift of God's Grace given to us through Christ, is just such a gift. It stirs within us a freedom to be who God has created and calls us to be. The offerings we make this day we do joyfully—in love, to the ministry of Him who came in love enlightening our world.

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)*

Thank you, God, for all that we have received today. Bless now these gifts, in the knowledge that they represent our thanks. Let our gratitude grow into actions and words that the world so deeply needs to hear, that, in courage, we might share your love with one and all. Bless also the gifts we offer to Crossroads this day. May they comfort, hold and allow all your children to know of your deep care and sustaining Grace. Amen.

Hymn: Said Judas to Mary **VU#129**

Blessing: (*unison*)

**We go now, having received the Grace of God.
We love now, having felt the embrace of Jesus.
We serve now, knowing that the Spirit is with us
in all that we say and do. Amen.**

Extinguishing the Lenten Lights

One: Enfolded by Grace on this Lenten journey we
remember the last words of Jesus...

All: "I thirst"

Postlude

The bulletins today are dedicated in loving memory of
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Apr 3 Stephen, **Apr 10** Tracy, **Apr 15** Stephen-GF **Apr 17** Tracy

This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	6:30pm	Cubs	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Worship Committee	Boardroom
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	1:00pm	Art Club	Church Hall
	6:30pm	Beavers	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Visioning	Sanctuary
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	1:00pm	Writers Circle	Boardroom
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	6:15pm	Brownies	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Saturday	10-12pm	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Sunday	6:30-8pm	Girl Guides	Church Hall

Coffee and Conversation (tea and coffee only) will resume on April 3.

A **Good Friday** service will be held on **April 15** at 6:30pm.

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **April 24** after an abbreviated worship service.

The **Anniversary Service** will be held Sunday, **May 1** with tea, coffee and cupcakes served at coffee and conversation.

