



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."

January 9th, 2022 – Epiphany (Baptism of Jesus)

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*) Lee Wilson

Greeting

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Arise and Shine!

All: For our Light has come!

One: The glory of the Lord is in this place.

All: The glory of the Lord is in you, in me.

One: See and be radiant!

All: Our hearts thrill and rejoice!

One: Let us worship in gratitude and in joy, together.

Opening Prayer:

God of Grace and Light, we give you thanks for the joy of worshipping together this day. Throughout time and space, you have called to us to rise and shine, to be light for this world. Today, you call us once again, trusting that through us, your ministry of love may flourish and grow. Let this time of worship remind us that we are your beloved children. Help us to follow your Light, that we may be reenergized and recharged as your disciples. In and through Jesus' precious name we pray, Amen.

Hymn: "A Light Is Gleaming" **VU#82**

Personal Prayer "Send Your Holy Spirit" x2 **VU#370**
(concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

We Listen to the Word

Learning Time Lesson

Learning Time Prayer: **Your Light, dear God, has come to us that we may know we're yours. This light that guides us through our lives, continues to endure. Your voice calls us beloved, as children of your Grace, we pray that you would rest with us, enfolded in your embrace. Amen.**

Hymn: "Hope Shines as the Solitary Star" **MV#220**

Prayer for Understanding **Reader:** Kim Gallant

Scripture Reading: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Light to our lives and a guide for our hearts!

Sermon "Children of God"

Anthem "Bathe Me in Your Light" **MV#82**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering: We are indeed recipients of God's grace and generosity. But in receiving, we are also called to give, to share, and to live lives of gratitude, for this is the backbone of discipleship. Like the Magi, we give what we have, not knowing how our giving will shape lives and transform us and the world. All offerings of time, talent, and treasure will gratefully be received. Now is the opportunity to courageously share your gifts to further the church's work and the Spirit's mission.

Offertory Prayer (unison): Great giver of gifts, bless what we offer this day. Through your Spirit, may all that we

offer be transformed and, along with us, help continue the ministry to which you have called us. May all that is given truly enable your mission to love and serve your world. In Jesus tender name we pray, Amen.

Hymn: "One Bread, One Body"

VU#467

Service of Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Let us pray: It is truly right to glorify you, at all times and in all places, O God. Through your living Word, you created all things and pronounced them good. You made human beings in your own image, persons capable of entering into relationships both with you and with each other....

You have called us together as one great family and so today we join with all your people on earth praising your name in the unending song of faith, saying:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

In the fullness of time, you sent the Chosen one, Jesus of Nazareth; The Christ, your own, to call your splintered creation together again. He came preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins and to those who responded, he pronounced them joint heirs of eternal love with him...

Now on this day we are gathered at table to remember and to share in this feast of love. In remembrance of Jesus with and within us we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving in union with the Holy Spirit as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Holy One, creator of all, send now upon this bread and cup your life-giving Spirit. May this outpouring of love transform this meal, that this bread and cup may become for us a bond, binding us to you and to one another. That we may be one body and one spirit in Christ, **Amen.**

The Peace:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Receiving of the Elements:

My faith family, in and through Christ, these are not the elements of The United Church of Canada, nor do they belong to the Mount Royal Community of Faith; this is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ and all whose lives are open to him are welcomed at this table.

Concluding Prayer:

One: Now we are one: we are one with each other, one with the church universal, one with Christ and so as one let us pray together our concluding prayer:

All: Lord Jesus Christ, you had once put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be through you, still awaits us, and on this day may the light of Christ dwell within us guiding our way, Amen

Blessing: May God's love and grace shine upon you. May the Light of Jesus shine from within you. May the joy of the Spirit shine all around you. And may you and those you love, wherever

they may be, know the care and comfort of Christ this day, **Amen.**

***Our candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Christ continue
to lighten our way into the gift of Epiphany...***

Postlude

Lee Wilson

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Memorial Tree Bulb Dedications

In memory of:

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Ray and Pearl Foreman

Wayne Foreman

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Jan 9 – Tracy, **Jan 16** – Stephen, **Jan 23** – Tracy, **Jan 30** – Stephen

Announcements

All in-person worship and meetings/gatherings have been suspended.

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