



# 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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**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Lent 2**

**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*)

### **Greeting**

### **Lenten Lights**

### **Land Acknowledgement:**

The land upon which we gather today is the traditional land of the Wabanaki people. In this region they are the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. As we travel in this Lenten season, we acknowledge with respect, the thousands of years of ceremony and relationship that have been etched in footprint, fire, and faithfulness, long before we arrived. As we journey in this time, may the light of reconciliation be our guide as we walk the road of justice and right relationship.

### **Announcements**

### **Minute For Mission**

### **Call to Worship:**

One: On this second Sunday of our journey,

**All: we come with open hearts.**

One: In this time of uncertainty,

**All: we search for understanding.**

One: In this time of unsettling silence,

**All: we long to hear God's voice.**

One: And so, we come,

**All: quieting our minds, opening our hands, and moving where the Spirit calls.**

One: Let us worship now in joy!

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

**Loving God, today as we enter this space of worship, our spirits long for your Spirit, and our hearts cry out to beat in union with yours. Today our Lenten journey continues, and we pray you would bless us on this road. As we are challenged, help us to embrace that challenge, as we are surprised, allow us to move with that surprise, and as we walk with you, grant us courage, allowing our footsteps to find rhythm and cadence with yours. Be with us in our worship and bless us on this path, our great travel companion and friend, Jesus. Amen.**

**Hymn:** "Worship the Lord" **VU#401**

**Personal Prayer** "Take, O Take Me as I Am" x2 **MV#85**  
*(concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)*

***We Listen to the Word***

**Children's Time**

**Children's Time Prayer:**

God, in faith and in trust we follow, wherever your love may lead, and we look towards our saviour, whose voice our souls so need. As we continue on this journey, with Jesus ever at our side, help us follow your footsteps, leaving none behind. For each of us is precious, and lovely in your sight, none of us are strangers, but family held in light. **Amen.**

**Hymn:** "Spirit, Open My Heart" **MV#79**

## **Prayer for Understanding**

**Reader:** Karen Tanner

Holy one, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path in this Lenten time. As we approach your Word this day, bless us with ears that are open, with spirits that long for new discovery, and with hearts that are ever enfolded by your grace. Through the hearing of this Word, allow our steps to fall in rhythm with yours, on this Lenten road, and in this Lenten time. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

## **Scripture Lesson: Genesis 12: 1-5; 15: 1-6; 18**

One: This is the Word of God spoken to our hearts this day.

**All: We receive this Word in praise and thanksgiving.**

**Sermon** "God's Not Done with You - Not by a Long Shot"

**Anthem** "Spiritual Medley" Valerie Tremble

## **Prayers of the People**

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

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

From love and for love, Jesus came among us and remains with us to this day. He invites us to journey with him during this Lenten time, and assures each and everyone of us, that we are precious in God's sight. In response to this love, we offer back to God gifts for this community, our wider community and world; knowing that God is never done, and we each have an important part in this journey.

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

**God of the wilderness, in this Lenten time we are grateful for the gift of your unfailing presence in our lives. We pray that you would accept these gifts as signs of our covenant with you; they are the gifts of our hearts, the hopes of our hands and the dream of your Kingdom, springing up in our midst. Along with**

**our gifts this day, we also offer items of great need within our community. Bless these gifts as they are sent out to your children. Grant that they may warm in both body and spirit all those who receive them. In Jesus' loving name we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn:** "Moved by the Gospel" **VU#394**

**Blessing:** (*unison*)

**As we move from our worship today, we go in the knowledge that the Love of God walks besides us, the friendship of Jesus invites us to follow, and the guidance of the Spirit enlightens our lives and our pathway forward. Amen.**

### **Extinguishing the Lenten Light**

**One:** As we continue this Lenten journey, we remember the path Christ once walked. In extinguishing our second Lenten candle, we do so with Jesus' words echoing in our hearts...

**All:** "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise".

### **Postlude**

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## Screen operators for the coming weeks:

**Mar 13** Debbie, **Mar 20** Esther, **Mar 27** Elizabeth, **Apr 3** Erik

## Sound/Prompter operators for the coming weeks:

**Mar 13** Tracy, **Mar 20** Stephen, **Mar 27** Tracy, **Apr 3** Stephen

## This Week's Events

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	6:30pm	<b>Cubs</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	11:30am	<b>UCW Meeting</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
	1:00pm	<b>Art Club</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	6:30pm	<b>Beavers</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Church Council</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Choir</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	6:15pm	<b>Brownies</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10-12pm	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	6:30-8pm	<b>Girl Guides</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

There will be a **UCW meeting** held on Tuesday, **March 15<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30am in the boardroom.

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

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **April 24** during and after the service as a brown bag lunch with tea and coffee served.

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