



# 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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**May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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**

#### **Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

One: Light of the world.

**All: Love of our hearts.**

One: Peace of our living.

**All: Grace in our growing.**

One: Light of all lights,

**All: within the faces of our faith....**

One: (*lighting our Christ light – Bill Seaman*)

One: Light of our world enlightening our living!

### **Land Acknowledgement:**

### **Announcements**

### **Call to Worship:**

One: Jesus said, peace be with you,

**All: we welcome that peace.**

One: Jesus said, come with me and I will give you rest,

**All: we welcome that rest.**

One: Jesus said, love one another as I have loved you,

**All: we welcome and share that love.**

One: Jesus said, where two or three are gathered I am there,

**All: Christ is here, we are here, let us worship!**

**Opening Prayer:** (*unison*) -2-

**Holy One, as we worship this day, we come as we have many times before. With our cares and concerns, with our burdens and joys, with all we have left to do, and everything we would like to do. Into the frantic pace of daily life, allow your Spirit to enter in. Through our worship and in our living, may our hearts find rest in your heart, and our spirits enfolded by your Spirit. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn:** "Dance with the Spirit" **MV#156**

**Personal Prayer** "Open Our Hearts" **MV#21**  
*(concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)*

**Children's Learning Time**

**Children's Prayer:** Within our lives, within our days, your Spirit's always near, but sometimes it's hard to hear your voice, as we get busy things aren't always so clear. In our living and in our growing, may there always be a space, for your Spirit of Love to enter in, offering us your Grace. May peace and rest find us, when the world seems out of place, and may your voice reach us, in every time and space. **Amen**

**Hymn:** "Like a Child" **VU#366**

**We Listen to the Word**

**Prayer for Understanding** **Reader:** Jean Lawlor

**Scripture Lesson: Judges 4: 4-10**

**One:** This is the Word of God spoken in love.

**All:** **Nourishment for our journey, light to our lives.**

**Sermon** "Creating a Space"

**Anthem** "God Is Your Answer Once Again" by David Lantz III

**Prayers of the People**

**Invitation to the Offering:** As Deborah created space to rest her heart in God's love, we are ever grateful for the peace, harmony, and light we find in and with Christ. In the offering of our hearts this day may the weary find rest, the frantic find peace, and for God's light to guide one and all who find themselves in darkness this day.

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

**God, your gift to us is life, our gift to you is how we choose to live that life, including the choice of our offering in expanding your ministry in this world. Accept these gifts from our hands and hearts, along with our prayer that they accomplish not what we will, but rather what you intend. Take and multiply beyond measure, all we offer for your Kingdom this day. In the loving name of Jesus, we pray.**

**Hymn:** "Thine Is the Glory" **VU#173**

**Closing Prayer:** *(unison)*

**God of Life, like a promised land, you invite us to leave our frantic ways. Like a banquet table, you bid us to restore our empty spirits. Like a pool of still water, you call us to cease our crowded living. As we ready ourselves, to leave this time of worship, may your Spirit meet us in our living, restoring, and allowing our souls to find rest in you. Amen.**

**Extinguishing the Christ Candle**

**Postlude**

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**Screen operators for the coming weeks:**

**May 22** Esther, **May 29** Debbie, **June 5** Erik, **June 12** Elizabeth,

**Sound/Prompter operators for the coming weeks:**

**May 22** Stephen **May 29** Tracy, **June 5** Stephen, **June 12** Tracy

**Council Highlights: CORRESPONDENCE:** Universal Portrait Studios regarding church photos and a church directory booking in the fall of 2022 **FINANCIAL REPORT:** treasurer's report to April 30, 2022. The operating revenue for April is up almost \$4,800 over last year and up \$3,400 over prior year-to-date figures. Most of the increase is due to the timing of the Sobeys gift cards. Operating expenses are up \$1,200 from the same month last year and up about \$3,000 over the four-month year-to-date figures. Wages, fuel and audio-visual costs account for most of the differences. This results in an operating surplus for April of \$4,630 and an accumulated surplus of \$1,008 so far this year. A cheque will be sent to Camp Ta-Wa-Si and \$2,000 in Sobeys gift cards be forwarded to the Peter McKee Food Bank. An additional \$1,000 in gift cards from outreach will be forwarded to neighbourhood schools to assist with their breakfast programs. Bessborough will receive \$500, Hillcrest will receive \$250 and École Sainte Bernadette will receive \$250. **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:** written report detailing the two quotes received for the replacement of the roof over the church office. The contract will be awarded to Nowlan Roofing who submitted the lowest bid of \$31,830 +HST. **MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL:** Tracy has requested to work half days for June and July. This request was granted. Both Tracy and Scott will be on vacation for the first three weeks of August and France has requested the month of August off for vacation. Debbie and Marlene will both attend M&P training provided by the Region on May 28. A motion was made to **not** have a worship service on August 28th. (In addition to being closed August 7, 14, and 21). **PASTORAL CARE:** reviewed the directory of persons at Mount Royal to ensure that nobody is being missed. Rev. Stuart will provide a session on Medical Assistance in Dying in September and he will also do a book study called "Forgiving

Yourself" which will be open to members of the greater community of faith. **UCW/CRAFT GROUP:** UCW are excited about being able to provide the bridge luncheon on Thursday. Craft Group continues to meet every week and hopes to start meeting outside soon. **WORSHIP COMMITTEE:** Graduate Sunday will be June 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be a lay person-led service. They would like to have a photograph of each grad. It will be a youthful service. June 19th Rev Danny Compton has been asked to provide pulpit supply. **FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL:** the M&P training will be provided for all 3 regions. The Annual Meeting will be in June with 3 pre-meeting webinars. Marlene sits on the Pastoral Relations committee which has been very busy with appointments being renewed and community of faith profiles being prepared. **SYSTEMS COMMITTEE:** The numbers of persons viewing the services is remaining steady even as in-person attendance increases. There was discussion about the sound in the sanctuary. **FUNDRAISING/TRUSTEES:** no in-person fundraisers are currently being planned but will be revisited in the fall. An appraisal will be necessary for insurance purposes. **CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** The plant swap is scheduled for May 29. There was discussion about the possibility of a community hotdog bbq in the fall with youth group leaders in attendance to answer questions that newcomers may have about groups for themselves or their children.

## Announcements

The **Baker Family Scholarship** is open to members of Mt Royal United Church graduating from High School in NB. Applicants must be entering a post-secondary institution in the fall. Applications are to be in the form of a 300-word essay outlining the applicant's academic achievements, extracurricular activities, volunteerism and future plans. Applications will close on **May 31, 2022**.

**Grocery gift cards** are now available from Terry Foreman [grocerycards@mountroyaluc.ca](mailto:grocerycards@mountroyaluc.ca) or 388-4887 or from the office at 855-5771. They are available in \$50 and \$100 denominations, Thank you for continuing to support this important fundraiser.

**Perennial Plant Swap** - 11:40am – 1pm, Sunday, **May 29<sup>th</sup>**. Divide your perennials and bring a portion to exchange for a different one. This is an outdoor event. If you are just beginning to garden, we will have a plant for you as a gift. Rain date: June 5.

**"I Wonder" Box** - Do you wonder why something is in the Bible? How to put faith into action? Do you have an idea or dream to share? There is now an "I Wonder" box at the back of the church for those burning questions, bright ideas or unsolved mysteries. Simply write it down in a slip of paper and place it in the box.

## **This Week's Events**

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>No Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	6:30pm	<b>No Cubs</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	6:30pm	<b>Beavers</b>	<b>Outside</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>	10:00am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	6:30-8pm	<b>Girl Guides</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>