



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."

October 9th, 2022, Season of Creation "Forests"

Congregational responses are in bold.

(*) Indicates Standing.

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

Greeting

The lighting of the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement:

In this Season of Creation, our attention is drawn to the connection we have with this earth, one another, and God. As people who are called to love one another as Christ loves us, we acknowledge now that the land we are on is the traditional land of the Wabanaki people; in this area, they are the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. May we continue seeking right relations with all Indigenous people, the land, and our loving God.

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Created to be one.

All: In God, we live and move and have our being.

One: Created in love, given breath and life.

All: In God, we live and move and have our being.

One: Created to love the world that God has made.

All: In God, we live and move and have our being.

One: Created to listen and to live in relationship.

All: In God we live and move and have our being.

One: Created to worship,

All: we join our hearts together singing our praises and prayers!

Opening Prayer: *(unison)*

God of all creation, we know You are here. We hear the wind through the trees, and we know You are here. We feel the cool nip of a fall breeze, and we know You are here. We see the love shared between family and friends, and we know that You are here. Attune us once again to Your voice reaching out in love, and through that voice, refresh us by your Grace that we may worship you in joy! Amen.

***Hymn:** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" **VU# 382**

Personal Prayer: "Hope Shines As a Solitary Star" **MV#220**
(Concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Thank you, God, for forests, for trees that grow so very tall. For the roots so deep, the branches so high, that shelter animals big and small. Help us to remember that trees are connected to You, that like us, they know your love in all we say and do. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Love, Who Made Me in Your Likeness" **VU#565**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Reader: Karen Tanner

Let us pray: Loving God, your Word is a living guide to us revealing the path of love and peace within the world and within our lives. As we approach your Word this morning may it resonate within our own hearts that we may be changed by the hearing and moved to action in our reflection. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 139: 1-3; 7-10, 13-16
Acts 17: 16-28

Response: "A New Creed"

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "An Act of Compassion"

Anthem "Come Now and Follow Me"

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

In the beginning, God created and blessed us as part of creation. In response to that great gift of love, present with us in every moment of our living, we offer back to God a portion of what we have been gifted. May the offerings of our lives and living, bring hope to the hopeless and healing to God's good creation around us.

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)*

Creative and Loving God, in our offering this morning it is our hope that from them you would bring forth new life and renewed hope. Work in us and through us, that our lives and our gifts, may become signs of hope and healing for your good creation, and for each of your beloved children both near and far. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "This Is God's Wondrous World"

VU#296

Prayers of the People

Benediction: *(unison)*

As we leave from this place of sanctuary and peace, we go knowing that God goes with us, Christ walks beside us and the Holy Spirit reaches out to us in love and affection. Amen.

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Postlude

Clergy:	The Rev. Scott Stuart, BA, MDiv.
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Screen operators for the coming weeks:

Oct 9 Stephen **Oct 16** Tracy **Oct 23** Elizabeth **Oct 30** Erik

This Week's Events: Oct 9th – 15th

Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	1:00pm	Art Club	Church Hall
Wednesday	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	1:00pm	Bridge	Church Hall
	6:15pm	Brownies	Church Hall

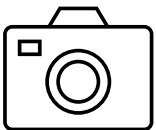
Announcements

Book Study - Friday, October 21st, 7pm – (*Forgiving Yourself*) Rev. Scott will be leading a book study. All who have read the book are welcome to join him for this study and discussion.

Rummage Sale is coming up on Friday, October 21 from 5:30pm–8:00pm and Saturday, October 22 from 8:00am–11:00am. Please hold your items to deliver the week of October 17th or call Terry Foreman for pick-up of larger items.

Collecting coats for kids in need! 1st Jones Lake Venturers are accepting gently used boots, hats, mitts, gloves, coats, and jackets. Sizes newborn to adolescent. To arrange pickup: 866-3356 Drop-off: 51 Laird Ave or Nursery at Mount Royal. Today is the last day to donate.

"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.



Universal Portrait Studios will be contacting you in the coming weeks to set up an appointment to have your photos taken between Nov.2-4th. You are not obligated to purchase any photos but if you do participate you will receive a free photo directory.

Pancake Breakfast will take place on November 5 from 8-11:00am. Would you consider volunteering? Contact Erik Gingles for more info.