



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."

Jan 21st, 2024

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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*)

Introit "Worship the Lord" (refrain only)

VU#401

Greeting/Light of the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: We are one.

All: In this space, in this sanctuary, in this community.

One: We are one.

All: Through the generations, through song and word, and in this worship together.

One: We are one.

All: Just as we are, and all are welcome in this place.

One: Then let us continue the journey as one,

All: in the light of God's Love, let us worship!

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Loving God, unchanging, ever with us, we praise You. You are our guiding light when the way ahead seems dark, the renewing Spirit when despair clouds our path, and our comfort when we find ourselves most lost and alone. As we worship this day, allow Your Living Spirit to grant us rest from the busyness of the world, and may Your voice speak that Word of Peace our spirits need to hear this day. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Come to My Heart"

VU#661

Personal Prayer: "Where Two or Three..." x2 **MV#14**
(*Concluding with The Lord's Prayer*)

***Hymn:** "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom" **MV#10**

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

In each and every moment God, You are near, and You call out our names hoping we hear. The sound of Your voice and the Love of Your Heart has always been present right from the start. As we continue to live in your light as your people, help us listen now under this steeple. Amen.

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Illumination: **Reader: Gail**

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Psalm: Psalm 62 (VU 779 with sung refrain)

Response:

One: This is the Word of God,

All: **in love and peace, we follow.**

Sermon "The Silent Treatment"

Anthem

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" **VU#374**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

***Sung Dedication:**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" **VU# 541**

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Great are your works, O God! Even greater is Your Love for all creation. We offer our gifts to You this day in grateful thanksgiving for calling us to You. Renew our trust in You and our courage to follow. Keep us close that we be

changed by Your presence and move from this place changing the world around us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"

VU#642

*Blessing (unison):

May the Love of God warm you,
the Peace of Christ live within you,
and the Spirit of Hope continue to guide you,
this day and in every moment of the week to come. Amen.

*Extinguishing the Christ Light

*Choral Benediction "Blessing"

Postlude

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Ushers: Jan 21 Annie T. & John B. Jan 28 Marlene & John B.

Screens: Jan 21 Erik Jan 28 Tracy Feb 4 Tracy

This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Club	Kitchen
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	12:30pm	Bridge	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall

Mount Royal Announcements:

If there are individuals looking for information about aging in New Brunswick the Pastoral Care Team has a copy of 'Aging in New Brunswick' which contains valuable information with regards to government and community services. That informational book is kept in the office and available for use. You can also obtain your own copy by calling 211.

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