

We Respond to the Word

Postlude

Choral Benediction

Christ's Light carries on...

Announcements

Benediction:

One: Rest in the life found in the Risen One.

All: May it carry us into this new week in joy and celebration.

One: Breathe deeply of the Peace Christ weaves into our lives.

All: May we come to know that Peace in our living.

One: Know that Christ is working in you and in others.

All: May we welcome one another as we would welcome Christ, in the week ahead and always. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Thine is the Glory"

VU# 173

Offertory Prayer (*in unison*):

O God, our refuge and our strength, we rejoice that You are chosen portion, You are our cup that overflows with life. As we celebrate this great miracle in the season of Easter, we express our gratitude and joy for the new life budding within us and all around us. Bless the gifts we offer You this day, that they may bring hope and new life to our neighbours, our communities and world. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Invitation to offering

Children's Time

Children's Time Prayer:

You join us on the journey, God, and surprise us ever day. Jesus comes beside us, and goes before us: to school, to church, to play. Thank you for Your Spirit, found in stranger and in friends. Help us to find You in all of creation, so that Your love never ends. Amen.

***Hymn:** "It Only Takes a Spark"

VU# 289

Prayers of the People

Anthem "In the Bleak Midwinter"

We Listen to the Word

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24: 13-35

Response:

One: Christ is walking among us,

All: in this Word and may our hearts rejoice!

Prayer for Understanding

Reader: Erik

Sermon "Christ in the Strangers Guise"

Personal Prayer: "Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary" **MV#18**

Sung twice (***Concluded with the Lord's Prayer***)

***Hymn:** "All Creatures of Our God and King"

VU# 217

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, we praise You and lift our hearts to You. Thank you for the life of Jesus, for His teachings and His time among us. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit that lives in us, revealing to us Your presence here on earth. May we grow to expect the unexpected in the everyday moments of our living. Allow us to see Christ working through others and open our hearts that Christ may work through us. Holy Spirit, help us to find our words as we worship together in gratitude and love. In the name of Jesus, our friend and great redeemer, who had the last laugh over the powers of darkness, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"

VU# 395

Call to Worship:

One: With grumbles, yawns, and sleepy heads,

All: our Shepherd calls us from our beds.

One: In ones and twos, in threes and fours,

All: our Shepherd calls us through the door.

One: Friends and family, old and new,

All: our Shepherd calls us to our pew.

One: In summer, autumn, winter, and spring,

All: our shepherd calls us here to sing!

Land Acknowledgement

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Lighting the Christ Candle

Introit

Greeting

Prelude...

We Come Together

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Screen operators for the coming weeks:

Apr 23 Erik **Apr 30** Elizabeth **May 7** Erik **May 14** Stephen

Ushers for the coming weeks:

Apr 23 Bill S. & John **Apr 30** Val B & John

This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Saturday	8:00pm	Pancake Breakfast	Church Hall

The Moncton Music Festival will be using the Sanctuary
Monday -Thursday this week during the day.

Scouts and Guides meet in the church hall Mon – Thurs evenings.

Grocery Gift Cards are available! Please contact the office at 855-5771 or office@mountroyaluc.ca (or simply stop by during open office hours) to purchase one today!

Pancake Breakfast April 29th – Join us for this delicious breakfast fundraiser! \$10 a person or \$35 a family. Would you like to volunteer or donate an item? Sign up sheets are at the back of the church.

Visioning Report Group Discussion May 6th @ 9am –12pm. Is the long-term viability of Mount Royal important to you? Of course it is! Please plan to actively participate in the visioning discussions. What a great way to mark our anniversary as a church family by planning for our future! The Visioning Committee recommendations were included in the 2022 Annual Report. Those recommendations for keeping Mt. Royal a vital, vibrant part of the community will be discussed, followed by a light lunch. Join us for small table group discussions facilitated by Rev Kendall Harrison.

A Night of Music May 13th @ 7pm – Bring your friends and family to enjoy an evening of music with MRUC choir, Visions United choir as well as guest musicians. Free will offering.

Broadview Magazine Subscription – It's time to renew your Broadview Subscription. Please speak with Jennifer to confirm renewal and send your \$25 to the office. Curious about Broadview? We welcome new subscribers too!

Baker Family Scholarship is open to members of Mount 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. Please apply by May 31st to scholarships@mountroyaluc.ca.

Community Events:

Girl Guide Cookies – Treat yourself to a box or two by calling Jane @ 863-9230. Cost is \$6 a box

Riversong Concert "Spring Mix" Sunday, April 23rd at 3pm at MRUC. Tickets are \$15 children under 12 are free.

Council Highlights from APRIL 18th Council Meeting:

CORRESPONDENCE: Sparks group would like to pick up trash and do chalk drawings on April 24th in the afternoon. A request to use the sanctuary for a concert for refugees on June 11th was approved. **M&P:** Council approved upcoming leave dates for Rev. Stuart. M & P have an urgent need for additional committee members. **WORSHIP**

COMMITTEE: Worship Committee submitted a report that highlights upcoming Sunday Service planning. Special items are planned for Anniversary Sunday, May 7th. **MINISTERS REPORT:** Rev. Scott Stuart submitted a report which outlined his recent activities and shared positive feedback about the recent United Church gathering he recently attended. **FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL:** We will soon be receiving a follow up on our self assessment that was completed a couple years ago. Our Community of Faith profile on the Church Hub website needs updating. **PROPERTY**

MAINTENANCE: A small mobile ramp has been purchased for the Bessborough door. The lighting project is still being worked on but should be complete by the end of April. **CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** The last day of Kids Korner for the season will be June 4th 2023. There will be special activities planned for the children that day and all children are encouraged to attend. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Church (including office) will be closed from July 31st to Sept 4th. Terms of Reference – Executive Committee has been updated to include the M&P Chair.



*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.*

