

**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Congregational responses are in bold.

(\* ) Indicates Standing.

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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*)

**\*Introit** "Joy Comes with the Dawn"

**VU#166**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Welcome/Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: God of the garden,

**All: we abide in You.**

One: God of the vine,

**All: we grow in You.**

One: God of the light,

**All: we follow you.**

One: God of the ages,

**All: we rest in you.**

One: God of our hearts,

**All: we bring our love lifting our voices in worship and praise!**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Gardening God, as we worship this day, we come offering our praise and wonder for this world we call home. We rejoice in the growth around us, for the promise of Spring, and the sun warm on our backs. On this day, may You prune us and shape us, mould us, and refine us. May we abide in You as You abide in us; and may we carry Your love for all people out into creation. In the name of the True Vine, Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "We Are One"

**VU#402**

**Personal Prayer:** "Open Our Hearts" x2"

**MV#21**

**(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)**

**Children's Learning Time**

## Children's Prayer:

In joy dear God, we thank You, for all the ways we grow, for Your love that flows through us, and sets our hearts aglow. Through this day and in our week, let us hear Your Spirit's call, to spread Your love throughout this world, to everyone big and small. Amen.

\*Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story" VU#343

### *We Listen to the Word*

Prayer for Illumination:

Reader:

Scripture Lesson:

Epistle: 1 John 4: 7-21

Gospel: John 15: 1-8

Response:

One: This is God's Word of love,

All: may we live and share this love. Amen.

Sermon "The Work of Love"

Anthem "Peaceful River"

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" VU#291

### *We Respond to the Word*

Invitation to the Offering:

\*Sung Dedication:

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" VU#543 vs. 1

Offertory Prayer:

God of our resurrection faith, we give thanks for Your many gifts. Most of all, thank You for the gift of life and for all the ways we are able to worship and serve You. May these gifts bring abundant life to those both near and far. In Your precious name, we pray. Amen.

\*Hymn: "Love Is the Touch" MV#89

**\*Blessing:**

One: God’s love sends us forth,

**All: and sets us free.**

One: God’s love makes us whole,

**All: in trust and in hope.**

One: God’s love blesses our lives,

**All: may we leave here to be a blessing for others. Amen.**

**\*The Light of Jesus— Ever Present, Ever Bright**

**\*Choral Benediction** “Blessing”

***Postlude***

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**This Week’s Volunteers**

**Ushers: Apr 28** Susan Rogers **May 5** Annie T.

**Screens: Apr 28** Kevin **May 5** Erik **May 12** Tracy

**Calendar: April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30am	<b>M&amp;P Meeting</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	12:30pm	<b>Writer’s Circle</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Choir</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

**Announcements:**

**Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:** May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 8am – 11:30am. Join us for this delicious meal! \$10 a person or \$35 a family. Would you like to volunteer or donate an item? Please check out the sign-up sheets at the back of the church.

**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!

**Mountain View United Church** invites you to the covenanting service for Rev. Jacob Shaw. April 28, 2024 @ 2pm. Parking across the street.