

April 30th, 2023

Fourth Sunday After Easter

Congregational responses 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

Greeting

Lighting the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement:

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: On this day we come with doubts,

All: and we are welcome here.

One: We come with concerns and anxieties,

All: and we are welcome here.

One: We come as those before us came: Jeremiah and Moses,
Elijah and Thomas,

All: with questions and worries.

One: Regardless of how we come, we are welcomed here, we are welcomed home, and God's Love welcomes us into worship!

***Hymn:** "And on This Path"

MV# 8

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Holy One, as this Easter Season continues, we praise and lift our hearts to You for the gift of Your Son Jesus. Thank you for his life, his teaching, and his continued life with us. Through him, the lost have been found, community has been formed, and doubt turned to trust and belief. As we worship help our hearts to find the words they desire to speak; and with the Risen One among us, may we, like Thomas, see and believe in Your Goodness, Love, and Peace. In the tender name of your Son Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me"

VU# 631

Personal Prayer: Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary **MV# 18**
X 2 (*Concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer*)

We Listen to the Word

Children's Time

Children's Time Prayer:

Thank you, God, for questions, and for things that we don't know. Give us courage to ask about things, for asking helps us grow. We know that Jesus is with us and is the Light that helps us see. Pour out Your Spirit upon us and our questions, for asking sets us free. Amen.

***Hymn:** "My Love Colors Outside the Lines" **MV# 138**

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm: Psalm 16 (VU pg. 738 with sung refrain)

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Scripture Response:

One: God's Word for our living,

All: **guiding us into peace and light.**

Sermon "Come and See"

Anthem "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Gracious God, You are the One who calls us into life and hope through Jesus Christ. Weather we come with doubts or questions, with assurance or in peace, You find us and welcome one and all to Your side. May the offerings we make this day, be blessed and used, that others may be welcomed into the Peace of Your presence and comforted by Your side. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Go Forth for God"

VU# 418

Benediction: (*unison*)

One: May our Loving God bless each-and-every one of us that, like Thomas, we may find ourselves at the side of Christ and there come to see and believe in a new world that is endlessly being created within ourselves, our neighbors, and communities.

All: **We go now with Christ's name written on our hearts, welcoming his Loving presence into every corner of our living. Amen.**

Christ's Light carries on...

***Choral Benediction** This is the Day That God has... **VU#175**

Postlude

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Screen operators for the coming weeks:

Apr 30 Elizabeth **May 7** Erik **May 14** Stephen **May 21** Tracy

Ushers for the coming weeks:

Apr 30 Val B. & John **May 7** Sue R. & John **May 14** Annie T. & John

This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Worship Committee	Boardroom
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	12:00pm	Writers Circle	Boardroom
	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Saturday	9:00am	Visioning Discussion	Church Hall

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

Mount Royal Announcements:

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!

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. Deadline May 26th. 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.

Bulletin Dedications: If you would like to dedicate a bulletin in memory of a loved one or to say thanks or in recognition of a special occasion (eg - birthday, anniversary, graduation...) please contact the office. \$25 is the suggested donation.

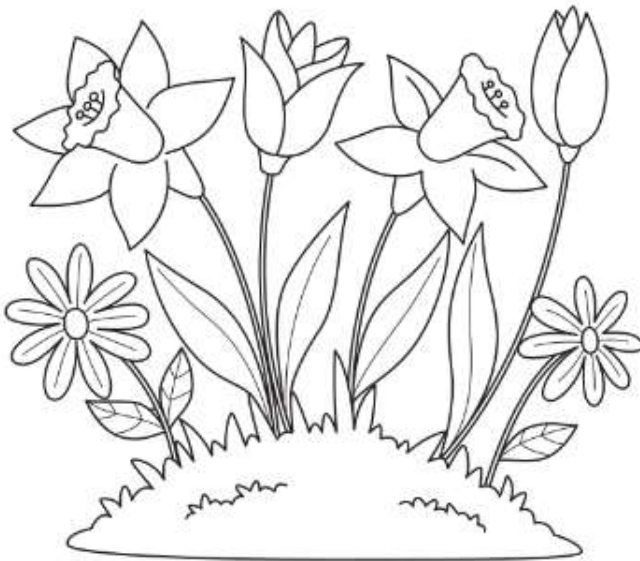
Food Donations: We are collecting non-perishable food items for the Alimentaire Peter McKee food bank. Please bring your donations and leave them in the bin at the Bessborough door.

Community Events:

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

Craft and Baking Market at Mountain View United Church, May 6th from 9am - 3pm – Great variety of crafts and baking. Free parking & admission. Tea, coffee & muffins for sale at the kitchen.

May Music Night - St. Paul's United Church May 7th, 2023 @ 6pm - Come enjoy an evening of music! Spring has sprung! Let's sing about it! Lemonade refreshments to follow! Everyone Welcome!



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.