

I do not know You God because I am in the way. Please help me
to push myself aside.

- Flannery O'Connor, "*A Prayer Journal*" (2013)

We Come Together

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

***Introit:** Sing Your Joy vs. 1 **VU#253**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship

***Hymn:** All Hail the Power **VU#334**

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

**Our path into the future is found with you, Risen One.
You come to us in the familiar, everyday things,
you come in startling and unexpected ways,
you challenge us to change how we are.
Help us to hear your voice, to trust in your call,
and live always in your way. Amen.**

Personal Prayer Veni Sancte Spiritus **MV#75**

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Hymn: Today We Are Called to... vs.1&2 **VU#507**

Children's Learning Time *Penny*

Children's Prayer (*unison - on screens*)

Children's Hymn: Today We Are Called to... vs.3&4 **VU#507**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: Karen H.

Introduction to Scripture

Scripture Lesson:

Readings from the Early Church: Acts 9:1–20
(Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus.)

Gospel: John 21:1–19
(Jesus appears to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberius.)

Response (*seated*): It is God's special word:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Sermon: What?

Anthem: Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** Jesus, You Have Come To The Lakeshore **VU#563**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

***Sung Dedication:**
In Gratitude and Humble Trust **VU#544**

***Offertory Prayer:** (*unison*)
**May these gifts be multiplied
as we conceive of God's abundant love
and give birth to the ways
of love and justice in our world. Amen.**

***Hymn:** Sent Out in Jesus' Name **MV#212**

***Blessing** (*on screens*)

***Choral Blessing:** You Shall Go Out With Joy **VU#884**

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers: May 4 Howard & John May 11 Valerie B & John
Screens: May 4 Tracy May 11 Kevin May 18 Erik

This Week's Calendar

Tues	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
	6:30pm	Women Unite	Boardroom
Wed	12:30pm	Writer's Circle	Boardroom
	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Frid	10:45am	Postcard Writing	Boardroom

*Tai Chi is offered on Mon, Wed & Fri *

Announcements:

Happy 66th Anniversary Mount Royal!

May 6th @ 6:30pm **Women Unite** gather for a gardening activity.

Lunch with Friends: Thurs., May 15th @ noon. Sign up at the back of the church or in the office until May 12th at 12pm! The cost is \$7.00 payable at the lunch. Menu is wings, salad, apple crumble plus tea or coffee. Program is: Maple Sugar Band!

Broadview Renewal/Sign up! If you would like to renew your subscription, please let Emily know and send in \$30 payable to Mount Royal. If you would like to sign up for the first time – wonderful! – just send your contact information to Emily along with the \$30. Deadline to sign up is May 12th.

May 25th @ 10:30am – Our **UCW lead a 100th Anniversary Service.**

Mark your calendars! **The South-East New Brunswick Centennial Service of Celebration** is quickly approaching on **June 8th @11am at St. John's United Church** (75 Alma St.). There will be shuttle buses running from the old Moncton High

parking lot (207 Church St.) Keep in mind, this service replaces Mount Royal's Sunday service so please plan to attend!