

May 7th, 2023

*Indicates Standing

Fifth Sunday After Easter

Congregational responses in bold.

We Come Together

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

Greeting

Lighting the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra (Directed by: **Valentin Todorov**)

*Hymn: "We Are One"

VU# 402

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Holy One, we gather this morning as Your community of faith, the church of Your Son, the Body of Christ here in this world. For the last sixty-four years, we have listened and followed the call of Your Spirit that has led us through celebration and fellowship, challenge and change. We look forward, in excitement, to where You continue calling us, all the while in the knowledge that we are never alone on this journey. Your Spirit has moved and continues to move among us and so it is in gratitude we pray this day. Amen.

*Hymn: "The Churches One Foundation"

VU# 331

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 all the ways that we love and learn and grow. Help us to follow where Jesus calls, His Peace and Joy to show. Your Spirit has gifted all of us, with something unique and precious. That we may gift our

community and world, with your church that comes to refresh us. Amen.

*Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide"

MV# 145

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm: Psalm 65 (VU pg. 782 with sung refrain)

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

Response:

One: This is God's Word for the Living Church,

All: **guiding us by the Spirit in peace.**

Reflection: *Liturgical dance interpreting a conversation between Jesus and Peter*

Pastoral Prayer

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)*

Gracious God, over the years you have blessed us. You have blessed us with fellowship and friends, with love and compassion, and through the direction of Your Spirit, have gathered us together as this community of Your faithful. Bless what we have been, encourage what we are now, and use all that we may become for the good of all Your beloved children. In the name of the one who walks beside us in Love, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn: "You Shall Go Out with Joy" x 3

VU# 884

Benediction: *(unison)*

Creator, Sustainer God: Wherever we may journey, guide our steps. Whenever we find ourselves wandering, open our hearts to hear Your call. Should we find ourselves lost, guide us by Your Spirit. Thanks be to God for our last

sixty-four years together and may the continued blessing of our friend Jesus remain with us and our community in the years to come. Amen.

Announcements

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:

May 7 Erik **May 14** Stephen **May 21** Tracy **May 28** Elizabeth

Ushers for the coming weeks:

May 7 Sue R. & John **May 14** Annie T. & John **May 21** Bill R. & John

This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
	11:30am	UCW Meeting	Boardroom
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Saturday	12:00pm	Bill Mayo's 90th Birthday!	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Night of Music	Sanctuary

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

Mount Royal Announcements:

Photo Directory – The directories are almost ready to be shipped! If you had your photo taken by Universal Portraits you will receive a complimentary copy. If you did not have your photo taken and **would like to purchase a directory**, please let Emily know ASAP. Cost is \$20.

UCW regular monthly meeting – Tues., May 9 at 11:30 am.

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!

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.

Bill Mayo's 90th Birthday Party Open House – May 13th from 12:30pm- 3pm. Mount Royal Church Hall. Light lunch and cake will be served. *No gifts please.*

Lunch With Friends: Thurs., May 18th @ noon. Sign up at the back of the church or in the office until Mon., May 15th at 1pm! We will only order the actual number of those who have signed up. If you are unable to attend the lunch after signing up, we encourage you to invite someone to take your place. The **cost** is \$7.00 payable at the lunch. **Menu** is Shepherd's Pie, apple crumb for dessert, plus tea and coffee. The **program** is *Maple Sugar Fiddlers*.

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:

Jeunes Chanteurs d'Acadie Concert – May 14th @ 3pm, St. John's United Church. Tickets available for \$15 at the door. **David and Ellen's grandson**, 17 year old **Jeremy Close**, is with la chorale senior du Centre d'excellence artistique d'Ontario and will be performing. This is part of an Atlantic tour with the chorale.

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!

Indoor Yard Sale – Mountain View United Church – May 12th, 6pm-8pm & May 13th 8am-12pm.

Spring Yard Sale - St. Paul's United Church Sat, May 13, 8am - Noon. Rain or Shine! Please bring your own bags. Cash Only. Masks are strongly encouraged!

JJ's Gospel Music Fest 2023 - Mountain View United Church - May 16th @ 7pm -Tickets are \$10 available at the church office or at the door. Proceeds go toward education for nurses in the 5200 wing of The Moncton Hospital.



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.