

May 12th, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Congregational responses are 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** "Joy Comes with the Dawn"

VU#166

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship (*on slides*)

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Holy One, You entered creation as one of us for us. You called us together as Your people, teaching, guiding, and sending us into the world with purpose. As we gather for worship, renew in our hearts that same purpose, bringing light into darkness, love into apathy, and healing where there is hurt. Direct us to where our world most needs, and in love grant us the grace to know we are never alone. In the name and Spirit of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

VU#651

Personal Prayer: "Open Our Hearts"

MV#21

(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

We thank You God for guiding us, in every time and place. Your Spirit is always with us, whispering words of grace. As we go about our week, may Your voice ring loud and clear, and help us dear God, to hear Your voice, reminding us that You are near. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Spirit God, Be Our Breath"

MV#150

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: Cathy E.

Scripture Lesson: Gospel: **John 17: 6-20**

Response:

One: May the Spirit speak to us through this reading,

All: and guide us on the path of peace. Amen.

Sermon "You Are Not Alone"

Anthem "Child of Tomorrow"

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** "Walk with Me" **VU#649**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

***Sung Dedication:**
"We Give Thee but Thine Own" **VU#543 vs. 1**

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Tender God, You have given us so much. Love and grace beyond measure, gifts to share, and people with whom to be in fellowship. Let these gifts transform us, that our eyes are opened to see the world as You see it— all equal in Your sight, all worthy of Your grace, all in need of Your precious light. We offer all we are, and all that we have to share, in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

***Hymn:** "How Firm a Foundation" **VU#660**

***Blessing: (*unison*)**

As we move from this time of worship, we go in the knowledge that as our time of worship ends, our time of service begins. May God go before you, Jesus walk beside you, and may the Holy Spirit guide you, now, and in the week to come. Amen.

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

***Choral Benediction** "Blessing"

Postlude

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This Week's Volunteers

Ushers: May 12 Marlene & John **May 19** Howard E. & John

May 26 Valerie B. & John

Screens: May 12 Tracy **May 19** Kevin **May 5** Erik

| Calendar: May 13th - May 19th | | | |
|--|---------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Monday | 9:30am | Tai Chi | Church Hall |
| | 10:45am | UCW Executive | Boardroom |
| Tuesday | 10:00am | Craft Group | Kitchen |
| | 11:30am | UCW Meeting | Boardroom |
| Wednesday | 9:30am | Tai Chi | Church Hall |
| | 7:00pm | Choir | Sanctuary |
| Thursday | 12:00pm | Lunch with Friends | Church Hall |
| Friday | 9:30am | Tai Chi | Church Hall |

Announcements:

Notice of UCW Meetings: Executive meeting is on Mon, May 13th @ 10:45am and the regular UCW Meeting is on Tues, May 14^h @ 11:30am.

Grocery Gift Cards are still available! Contact Terry or the office to purchase.

Do you enjoy public speaking? Would you like to contribute to the enrichment of the Sunday service by being a Scripture reader? Please contact Tracy Parrott at 506-854-2915

Lunch with Friends May 16th @ noon: Sign up at the back of the church or by call the office by May 13th. Cost is \$7 payable at the lunch.

It's Broadview Renewal Time: This year's cost is \$30 (cheques marked "Broadview"/cash/etransfer) can be sent to the office.. **New subscribers** are always welcome! If you don't want to renew, please let Emily know.

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 office@mountroyaluc.ca



This bulletin is lovingly dedicated to Shirley Dutcher –
Happy Mother's Day!

It is also dedicated in loving memory of William Dutcher by his family.