

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Fifth Sunday After Easter  
(Mother's Day Sunday)

\* Indicated Standing

Congregational responses in bold.

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**We Come Together**

Prelude...

Introit

Greeting

The Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Beloved God,

**All: in You, we live and move and have our being.**

One: Risen Christ,

**All: with You, we walk the way of love.**

One: Creator Spirit,

**All: through You, we are made one.**

One: Trinity of Peace, we seek you in the dance of life,

**All: moving in the bonds between friends and family,**

One: found in each moment of our living,

**All: here present to us as we worship in joy!**

Opening Prayer: *(unison)*

**Holy One, we gather this morning in worship together, as one family held in unity by the gift of Your Spirit. We praise You for creating us in Your image, in a myriad of forms and idiosyncrasies, all of which are a reflections of You. We praise you for the gift of families and for those who grow to become family; and we praise you for the gift of Your Spirit moving in every moment of our living. Guide us this day, and everyday, that we may continue to grow together in love and unity as Your great family. In the name of Your precious Son Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Spirit, Open My Heart"

**MV# 79**

**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:**

**In mid-day or morning afternoon or night, Your Spirit is with us it is our delight. You surprise us and call us to walk in Your way, and You draw us together leaving none go astray. Allow Your Love and Peace to fill every heart, so each of us knows You never depart. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "I Love to Tell the Story"

**VU# 343**

### **Prayer for Understanding**

#### **Scripture Lessons:**

**Psalm:** Psalm 66 (VU pg. 784-785: parts one, two and three with sung refrain two)

**New Testament:** Acts: 17: 22-31

**Gospel:** John 14: 15-21

#### **Response:**

**One:** This is the living Word of God,

**All:** **may this Word guide our lives in love.**

**Sermon** "Commercial Breaks"

**Anthem** "You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** "Spirit of the Living God"

**VU#376**

## ***We Respond to the Word***

### **Invitation to the Offering**

#### **Offertory Prayer:** *(unison)*

**Gracious God, we thank You for the glorious message of this Easter Season: life out of death, hope out of despair, growth where all was dry and withered. Help us to look for**

**newness in our everyday lives; to rekindle all that is lovely, all that is holy, all that is good: that integrity, honesty, respect, and caring for ourselves and others, for our community and world, for our families in all their forms, be our guide. Bless what we have offered this day and use it, that all creation may know of Your Abundance and great Love. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" **VU# 264**

**Benediction:** (*unison*)

One: Loving God, the prophets have spoken of how You are a mother to us all, giving us life, teaching us the way to go, correcting us when we're wrong, feeding and nurturing us with every good thing. We are grateful for all Your mothering, not only for us, but for all Your creation.

**All: We thank you for our own mothers, those who have given us life, those who raised and taught us, those who sacrificed for us that we might all experience Your Abundance and Joy; and we pray for Your blessing to fall on all those whose mothers have passed into Your safe keeping but are dearly missed here.**

One: We ask for Your blessings and help for all mothers. May the fruits of the Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness and gentleness" be woven into their lives and the lives of all they love and care for.

**All: We ask your blessing on mothers around the world who are struggling to raise children in the midst of war, of poverty, of oppression and fear. May they and their families come to know Your great and sustaining Peace lifting them from darkness into Your Light.**

One: Grant that all mothers everywhere may hold dear those moments of sheer joy in the presence of their children, never taking them for granted, thanking You for the blessing of each child. Bless all mothers that they might be parents in

Your image; help them to reach out to You in times of distress, remembering that You know what it is to be mother to the world you so love.

**All: May Jesus walk with all mothers, in all places and all times; guiding, loving, and holding each in His tender care. Amen.**

***Christ's Light carries on...***

**\*Choral Benediction  
Postlude**

"Amen"

**MV#225**

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***Screen operators for the coming weeks:***

**May 14** Stephen **May 21** Tracy **May 28** Elizabeth **June 4** Tracy

***Ushers for the coming weeks:***

**May 14** Annie T. & John **May 21** Bill R. & John **May 28** Sue R. & John

**This Week's Events**

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	12:00pm	<b>Lunch with Friends</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

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

**Mount Royal Announcements:**

**Photo Directory** –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.

**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!

**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! 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 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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 31<sup>st</sup> to [scholarships@mountroyaluc.ca](mailto:scholarships@mountroyaluc.ca).

### **Community Events:**

**Jeunes Chanteurs d'Acadie Concert** – May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

**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.

**Celebration of 175th Anniversary of the 8th Hussars Canadian Regiment-** Free NBYO Concert May 19th. HRH Princess Anne will be in attendance. Tickets available through Eventbrite.