

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 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

VU#315

Greeting

The Light of Christ

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Sing to God

ALL: and praise God's name.

One: When we see white fluffy clouds,

ALL: we know God is a great colourer,

ONE: but God is not too great to care for the sad and unhappy

ALL: and stand up for them.

ONE: God lives and rules from a holy place,

ALL: but is always here for us.

ONE: God sets people free

ALL: and takes care of them.

ONE: God causes the rain to fall and the sun to shine,

ALL: and helps us feel better when we are tired.

ONE: God is with us and blesses us

ALL: and so we praise God's name. Amen.

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

**Before he went away, Jesus prayed
for those who would follow him saying,**

**"All mine are yours,
and yours are mine;**

and I have been glorified in them."

**May the heart of Jesus beat on in us,
the beloved community of witnesses,**

as we devote ourselves

to this moment of worship. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Holy Spirit Hear Us" **VU# 377**

Personal Prayer: "Lord, Listen to Your..." X 2 **VU# 400**
(Concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Thanks God for showing us that our prayers count. Even if we have to draw them... or text them... or just think them. We know that you are listening to our cares and our worries and our fears. Help us to count on you being with us everyday, always. Amen.

***Hymn:** "For the Healing of The Nations" **VU# 678**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Reader: Karen

Loving God,

you speak to us in so many ways:

in the care you provide to each of us,

in your presence with us as we walk through the dark valleys,

in the light that will, eventually, follow the darkness,

in the way that others do your work in our world,

in these stories of faith.

Speak to us now through these readings from scripture.

Help us to hear your voice and follow the way of Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Lessons: John 17: 1-11

Response:

One: This is the Word of God,

All: **thanks be to God for this Holy Word.**

Sermon "Being One"

Anthem "I Love You Lord"

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

VU# 684

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)*

Jesus says: I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. Filled with the Spirit of Jesus we say: We will add our own names to those who have spoken yours through our gifts and offerings. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Wherever You May Go"

MV# 216

***Benediction:**

Joining with all who seek love,
we give witness to the Great Love
that pulses through creation.

**Filled with the Spirit of Christ,
we have no reason to look upward,
for we are empowered to bring
healing, justice, and shalom.**

May this be our witness.

We go to be Christ ones alive in this world. Amen.

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

***Choral Benediction** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

MV#212

Postlude

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Screen operators for the coming weeks:

May 21 Tracy **May 28** Elizabeth **June 4** Tracy **June 11** Stephen

Ushers for the coming weeks:

May 21 Bill R. & John **May 28** Eleanor & Ensor **June 4** Sue R. & John

This Week's Events May 22nd-28th

Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
	7:00pm	Church Council	Boardroom
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Sunday	11:40am	Plant Swap	Parking Lot

Please note the **office is closed on Monday, May 22nd** for the holiday.

FSLDW (Regional) Annual Meetings are held from May 26-28, at the University of Prince Edward Island.

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

Mount Royal Announcements:

Plant Swap! Bring your perennials to the Bessborough parking lot next Sunday, May 28th after the church service.

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!

Kids Korner Season Wrap Up Celebration! June 4th @ 10:30am. All young people are invited to participate in this fun filled morning. Join us for some special activities!

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.

Community Events:

YARD SALE - St. John's United Church 75 Alma St., Karing
Kitchen (basement) entrance Saturday, May 27 @8:30 am – 1pm.
Clothing, books, toys, linens, electronics, household and many,
many, more items for sale.

A Prayer for United Church of Canada Regional Meetings:

God, we thank you for the leadership of those who serve and
support our United Church.

We pray that you will call those gathered to deeper love, deeper
community and deeper joy.

We pray that you will continue to inspire love and respect for all
your Creation.

We pray that you continue to call the curious, the faithful and the
hopeful to take on this important work.

Working to reflect your love, journeying the path of discipleship.

Working for greater justice and peace in their lives, in their
communities and around the world.

Bless them to experience the gift we can be to each other and
future generations, through the bond of collaboration that joins
them in their work, and forever in Jesus' name.

Bless them with good discernment, bless them to be bold in their
work, and bless them to answer your call to be your hands, your
feet and your love in the world.

Amen.

*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.*

