

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Congregational responses are in bold.

(\* ) Indicates Standing.

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**We Come Together**

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

**\*Introit** "This Is the Day That God..." (*chorus only*) **VU#175**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Welcome/Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: The Spirit is here,

**All: inviting us to worship.**

One: The Spirit is here,

**All: in each of our lives.**

One: The Spirit is here,

**All: in our gathered community.**

One: The Spirit is here,

**All: Guiding us in the ways of faith, hope, and love as we worship!**

**Opening Prayer:** (*unison*)

**Holy One, we thank You for the gifts You have given. For life, both old and new. For love of friend and stranger. For Christ alive in our hearts, and for each little wonder that changes how we see this world. As we enter this time of worship, we pray You would bless our gathering; that our words and our actions, our love, and our very lives, become a living reflection of Your light in this world. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**\* Hymn:** "Take My Life and Let It Be" **VU# 506**

**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 loving us in ways both big and small. For the many ways we know You, and for the ways we answer Your call. Teach us, God, to listen, that in prayer we might hear your voice. We know You walk beside us, and in Your friendship, we rejoice. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" **MV# 30**

### **We Listen to the Word**

**Prayer of Illumination:**

**Reader: France**

## **Scripture Lesson:**

**Gospel:** Matthew 8: 18-27

## **Response:**

**One:** This is the Word of God for the church,

**All:** **Light in our lives, love for our living.**

**Sermon** "Little Faith"

**Anthem** "This Is My Father's World"

## **Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn:** "The Church's One Foundation" **VU# 331**

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

## **Invitation to the Offering**

### **\*Sung Dedication:**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

**VU#543 vs. 1**

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

**O God, we know of Your restoring Love in the welcome of a stranger, through the touch of a friend, and in the movement of Your Spirit this day. Allow us to always be mindful of Your Love that has been poured into our hearts to share. In the offering of our gifts, we pray that you would take all that we offer, and all that we are, binding together a fractured world in unity and peace. May Your Love continue to work through us and in us. In tender Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "One More Step Along the World I Go" **VU# 639**

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

**One:** As we go out into the week ahead, we go as disciples blessed by God's Love to be God's Love for one another.

**All:** **We go with God's Grace enfolding us, with Jesus walking beside us, and the Spirit of Love guiding each step along the way. Amen.**

**\*Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

**\*Choral Benediction** "May the Peace of God Be..." **MV#222**

### ***Postlude***

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### **This Week's Volunteers**

<b>Ushers: May 26</b> Valerie B. & John	<b>June 2</b> Eleanor & Ensor
<b>June 9</b> Sue Rogers & John B.	
<b>Screens: May 26</b> Tracy	<b>June 2</b> Erik <b>June 9</b> Tracy

### **Calendar: May 27<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

<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>
	6:00pm	<b>Church Council</b>	<b>Board Room</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Tech Team Meeting</b>	<b>Tech Booth</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

### **Announcements:**

**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! Deadline to sign up is May 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

**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 [office@mountroyaluc.ca](mailto:office@mountroyaluc.ca)