

June 16th, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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** "This is the Day that..." (chorus only) **VU#175**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: From deep soil comes bold and daring growth.
From the seeds of our past will come fresh new growth.

All: We come today to marvel at what has been harvested and prepare for what will come.

One: We come to celebrate where we are and where we have been. We come rejoicing with our ancestors in faith across generations:

All: The Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians, the Evangelical United Brethren, and Local Union Churches, and our full communion partners across this world:

One: The Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, The United Church of Christ, The United Church of Christ in the Philippines, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Bermuda.

All: We give thanks to God for the blessings of past, present, and future, and dare to plant these seeds of faith anew!

Opening Prayer: *(unison)*

Let us pray: Again and again, God, we come to this time and place with a song! Each day You give us a chance

to begin anew: to drink deeply of Your Spirit, to boldly follow in the Way of Jesus, and to dare to seek justice as we seek relationship with our neighbours and You. Again and again, God, You call us out of our old lives and into Your new day. And so, as we celebrate the 99th anniversary of this United Church of Yours, help us to reflect back with clarity upon all that deserves to be celebrated, all that deserves to be lamented, and all that deserves to be let go. We are not perfect, God, but we are Yours, and we trust that You are with us every day. This day, and always, help us to be good grain that is planted and tended by your love, so that in the year to come we may flourish in this time and place. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Make a Joyful Noise" **VU#820**

Personal Prayer: "Open Our Hearts" x2 **MV#21**
(*Concluding with The Lord's Prayer*)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Thank you, God, for Your love that grows deep inside. For planting it and nourishing it, for giving it space to hide. You help it to be ready, and when it is, it flowers—help us to know how to use it as our super power. We give You thanks for Jesus, and for the way he calls, that Your love might be the light that is seen and known by all. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" **VU#288**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination: **Reader:** Rev. Dr. Beverly Daley

Scripture Lesson:

Old Testament: Psalm 33 VU #760

Gospel: John 12: 20-28

Response:

One: This is the Word of God,

**All: seed for our growing, love for our living.
Amen.**

Sermon

Anthem "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Eleanor, Ensor & France

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** "Christ, within Us Hidden"

MV#162

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

***Sung Dedication:**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" vs. 1

VU#543

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Gracious God, we believe that you are calling us forward into a new day. We believe that you have a future for Mount Royal United Church, and The United Church of Canada that is rooted in Your abundant life. We trust You with this future, even though it's beyond the horizon of our dreams. So, we offer You the blessings You have already given us—our time, our talents, our finances, and our hopes—so that You might use them and transform them for the good of Your whole world. May these gifts be a blessing to the people of Moncton and beyond! All this we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen!

***Hymn:** "In the Bulb There is a Flower"

VU#703

***Blessing**

***The Light of Jesus— Ever Present, Ever Bright**

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

Postlude

Liturgy today is taken from* **Seeds for Our Future

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Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers: June 16 Bill S. & Gill	June 23 Sandra & Gill
June 30 Marlene & John B.	
Screens: June 16 Kevin	June 23 Tracy June 30 Erik

Calendar: June 17th -23rd			
Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
	7:00pm	Church Council	Boardroom
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall

Announcements:

UCW Congratulations: We are pleased to share that Nancy Brown, Doreen Lane and Barbara Clarkin were present with life memberships.

Do you need more envelopes? Please let Emily know.

Grocery Gift Cards: If you shop at Sobeys; please support your church by purchasing a \$50 gift card. The church receives a percentage of each card sold. It's an easy way to generate funds. We would love to get these last few cards sold. Contact Terry or the office to purchase.

PAR: If you would like to increase or modify your PAR in any way please email, call or stop by the office and Emily can get that set up for you.

May 28th Council Highlights: PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

WITH KINDRED WORKS: Guest Katja Brittian gave an overview of her role with Kindred works and her professional background. She works with congregations to increase the usage of buildings. One hour information sharing idea with next steps being creating a rental publicity sheet, answering questions and potentially setting up future meeting via zoom. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you Letter, and donation received from Moncton Music Festival. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** No grant revenue this year compared to last year. Some fuel savings and increased rentals has helped slightly. Hopeful that an increased use of the building through rentals can help. Approved transfer of funds from the Manse Fund have not yet been used. Wages and building costs continue to be most expensive items. Pancake breakfasts, rummage sales, cards sales, special events etc. all help. PAR letter will be mailed out before summer break. **SYSTEMS:** Tech team will attend a basic training/troubleshoot session. **UCW/CRAFT GROUP:** UCW recently hosted the Chignecto Presbytery UCW meeting. Closing meeting will be a pot luck in June. Craft group still meets on Tuesdays – all welcome to attend. **PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE:** Exterior light has been changed and free replacement light received. Permission given to city contractors to store some material on grassy side of parking lot while construction is occurring. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Website draft was presented. Council approved continuing with this design. **CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT/KIDS KORNER:** Kids Korner season went well and that they had 4 regular attendees. **CHAIR OF COUNCIL:** Rotational schedule will be created for chairing council meetings. **SELF ASSESSMENT: COPYRIGHT** policy and recommendations will be presented at next meeting. **INCLUSIVITY:** Information will be shared throughout the year and next steps will be determined in Sept 2025. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Year end financial statements will be presented at June Meeting. **MEMBERSHIP:** Small committee will create plan to review/update/clean up rolls and directory in Sept 2024. **FAITH EXPO:** Event will be included in Community Fun Day. **100 YEAR KICK OFF:** Resources will be shared with congregation throughout the year via weekly congregational email, slides and pulpit announcements.