



Mount Royal United Church

"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."

July 23rd, 2023

* Indicates Standing

Congregational responses in bold.

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

Lighting the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: God, be with us –

All: in our being and in our doing.

One: God, bless us –

All: in our praying and in our searching.

One: God, speak to us –

All: in our silence and in our singing.

One: God, speak through us –

All: in our words and in our actions.

One: God, hold us-

**All: in this moment of this worship,
and in the abundance of life that flows from it.**

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Spirit of Life, Breath of God, we enter this time of worship to experience the transforming ways of Your Love. We come to rest, to sing, to pray and to be in joyful fellowship with one another. If we arrive here empty, may

we leave filled. If we arrive her lonely, may we leave uplifted. If we arrive here anxious, may we leave knowing Your Peace. May we be a blessed and a blessing people today and every day. Amen.

***Hymn:** "I Love to Tell the Story" **VU#343**

Personal Prayer: "O God We Call" X 2 **VU# 411**
(Concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

We Listen to the Word

Children's Time

Children's Time Prayer: *(Repeat After Me)*

Thank you, God, for who we are, and that we are enough. Remind us to share what we have with all when it's scary, sad and rough. Bless us with love and joy and peace that help us know You are there. May all these things grow through us, God, showing Your world that we care. Amen.

***Hymn:** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" **VU#291**

Prayer for Understanding: **Reader: Eva**

Give us, O God, the will to receive again the stories of scripture, well-worn, well-learned but always full of new and rich meaning. Give us not only ears to hear the story but hearts to understand. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm: **63 (VU p.781 sung refrain 2)**

Gospel: **John 6: 1-15**

Response:

One: May the Spirit speak to us through these readings,

All: **guiding our hearts and hands.**

Sermon "Bread and Fish"

Anthem "Heal the World"

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn: "Fairiest Lord Jesus"

VU#341

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)*

God of All, we have given our gifts as a tangible expression of what is in our hearts. In Your hands, what we have to offer is transformed, multiplied, and made more alive. We offer these gifts as our "loaves and fish," to be shared in a world starving for Your Abundance and relentless Grace. Bless all that we have to offer, that Your beloved children may be fed. Amen.

*Hymn: "Spirit God, Be Our Breath"

MV#150

Commissioning: *(unison)*

One: Go from this place today,

All: filled with God's Abundant Love.

One: Go from this place today,

All: filled with the Peace of Christ.

One: Go from this place today,

All: filled with the Fellowship of the Spirit.

One: Go from this place today,

All: as God's gift to a world in need. Amen.

Extinguishing of the Christ Light

*Choral Benediction "I Am Walking a Path of Peace" MV#221

Postlude

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The family of Harold (Robbie) Robinson dedicates this bulletin in his loving memory for the great kindness shown to them.

Screen operators for the coming weeks:

July 23 Stephen **July 30** Tracy

Ushers for the coming weeks:

July 23 Marlene & John **July 30** Nancy & John

This Week's Events

Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
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Mount Royal Announcements:

Coming soon – a new look! During the month of August, six rows of pews will be removed from the sanctuary and replaced with chairs. This more comfortable seating option will allow for more flexible space usage. Contact Emily to purchase a pew!

Food donations: We collect food items for the Alimentaire Peter McKee food bank. Drop off in the bin at the Bessborough door.

Curious about volunteering? If you have a talent or some time you would like to share with the church, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the office.

Summer closure dates: Mount Royal United Church, including the church office, will be closed from July 31st – Sept. 4th.

Mount Royal's Community Fun Day - Sunday, Sept 17th: This is a fun, social event that includes food, games, a bouncy castle and more! If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this event please label it "Community Fun Day". We are looking for more volunteers (cooks, lawn game leaders, welcomers) as well as cookie donations. Able to lend a hand? Contact the office or email councilchair@mountroualuc.ca

Morning Prayer

As the sun rises
and a new day unfolds
with all of its promise and hope,
I recommit myself to join
your divine mission:
to advocate for justice
to exercise compassion
to love without reserve
to work toward peace
to extend understanding
to afford second chances
to offer my generous best
to witness blessing
to seize opportunities for gratitude
to change and be changed
to regard myself with grace
to embody Jesus
in whose Spirit I live, move, and have my being
in whose love I am made whole
in whose compassion I rise
to greet this day
and every day
for all my days.
Amen.

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