



# 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."

**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

**July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

\*Indicates standing

Congregational responses in bold.

## *We Come Together*

**Prelude**

**Introit** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" **VU#315**

**Greeting**

**Announcements**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Sing God's praise.

**All: Give Thanks to the Lord above.**

One: Seek the Lord and trust God's strength.

**All: Proclaim God's wonderful works.**

One: Live in the spirit of love and grace.

**All: Give thanks for God's marvelous love.**

**Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession:** *(unison)*

**Spirit of God, you intercede for us with sighs too deep for words. When we seem disoriented or living in a fog, you heal our hearts and give us strength to carry on. Set our hearts and minds on you Holy Spirit, that we may know your abiding presence and never-failing love.**

**Loving God, as we seek you, search our hearts and ease our minds. When we are frightened and feel unsure of your love restore the assurance of your grace. (Silent confession)**

**\*Hymn:** "Spirit, Open My Heart" **MV# 79**

**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, Jesus, for your love and care for all people. Help us Holy spirit to see Jesus and to see others through his eyes of love. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" **VU#563**

**Prayer for Understanding**

Reader: **Jean**

**Scripture Lessons:**

**Romans 8:26-39**

**Matthew 13:31-33; 44-52**

**Response:**

**One:** God's Word for our living,

**All:** **Guiding us into peace and light.**

**Sermon** "Where Our Treasure Is..."

**Anthem** "Fearless Faith Psalm 27" (**Joyce & Rev. Danny**)

**We Respond to the Word**

**Invitation to the Offering**

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

**God, you bless us with gifts of love and moments of grace and mercy. For earth and its bounty, we give thanks. For our lives and for the opportunity to share them with those we love, we offer you praise. Bless the gifts we lay before you that they may be signs of your loving kingdom to a world awaiting good news. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "May The God of Hope Go With Us" **VU# 424**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Closing Blessing:**

If God is for us, what more do we need?

**Nothing can separate us from Christ's gracious love.**

If Christ is with us, what can stop us?

**Nothing can keep us from sharing Christ's love and strength.**

Go with love as your guide.

**And Jesus, our constant companion.**

Go now in peace...

## **Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

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

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<b>Screen operators : July 30</b> Stephen <b>Sept 10</b> Erik
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## **August Events**

<b>Tuesdays</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
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### **Mount Royal Announcements:**

**Community Fun Day – Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 11:30am-1:30pm:** This is a fun, social event that includes food, games, a bouncy castle and more!

**Donations:** If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this event please label it "Community Fun Day". **Volunteers:** We are looking for more volunteers (cooks, lawn game leaders, welcomers) as well as cookie donations. **Group Leaders:** We are looking for all groups that meet at the church to be represented with a little display indicating what they do and or how people can join or get involved. **United Church Women (UCW):** UCW will be in attendance to celebrate the new church year. Details will be provided in the fall. Plan to join us for coffee and fellowship!

Able to lend a hand? Contact the office or email [councilchair@mountroyaluc.ca](mailto:councilchair@mountroyaluc.ca)

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

**Pastoral Care Emergencies:** Please contact St. Paul's United Church at 506-386-335 for any urgent pastoral care during the month of August.

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