



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."

Oct 1st, 2023 - World Wide Communion Sunday

***Indicated 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 "Rejoice, the Lord is King" **VU#213**

Greeting

Lighting the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement:

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Seeking God's way, unsure of what lies ahead,

All: the Spirit joins us until all are fed.

One: Confronted by difficulty, stretched by opportunity,

All: Jesus, the Christ, comes and joins us in community.

One: Challenged and longing to grow as God's people,

All: we gather together here under this steeple.

One: Here together in worship and praise,

All: we welcome one another as we grow in God's ways.

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

We come, O God, on this day of rest and prayer, to be re-energized and recreated in Your image and for Your purpose. As we worship this day in prayer, praise and song, guide us by Your Spirit to be of one mind in Christ, held by Grace, and fed at Your which is open to all. Filled, loved and free, may we then go out into Your world sharing the good news of Your Grace. In the name and Spirit of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Let All Things Now Living"

VU# 242

Personal Prayer: "Don't Be Afraid" x2 **MV#90**
(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

We Listen to the Word

Children's Time

Children's Time Prayer: (repeat after me)

We come to You, in prayer dear God, to rest, to give thanks and be fed. We listen to the voice of Jesus, to know love, and joy and be led. Thank You for Your Spirit, that welcomes us with Grace, that we can go into the world, sharing love in every place. Amen.

***Hymn:** "I Have Called You by Your Name" **MV# 161**

Prayer for Understanding: **Reader: Jean**

Scripture Lesson:

Epistle: Philippians 2: 1-13

Response:

One: May the Spirit speak to us through this reading:

All: **nourishing, guiding, and forming us by Grace.**

Sermon "It's OK to Celebrate!"

Anthem "We Gather Here (Come, Share the Lord)" **VU#469**

***Hymn:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" **VU# 371**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Sung Dedication:

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" **VU#541**

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Loving God, you have given us abundantly of talent, time, and resources. We return to You but a portion of those gifts in thanksgiving for all we have, praying they bring hope to those in need, fellowship in community, and love to all who are hurting. With these gifts we also commit ourselves anew to following in Your way, and to be of one mind in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn: "One Bread, One Body"

VU# 467

Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: We have heard about God, who loved confusion into order and gave each creature a divine image, making the world.

All: We have heard about Jesus, a poor man whose banquet feeds the world, a healer whose wounds give life, a teacher whose wisdom traces love's order in the world, finding the divine in each of us.

One: We have heard how Jesus died, and how, for those who loved Him, He rose again.

All: We have heard about the Holy Spirit, who breaks the bonds of race and class, of gender and creed, to show God's love for everyone.

One: And we have heard that love makes all things new. We come to this table asking for the bread of such blessings.

All: In what we do here may God's Love be revealed renewing and remaking us in the image of Christ the King.

One: Loving God, you have called us together as one great family and so today we join with all your people on earth praising your name in the unending song of faith singing...

All (Sung): "Kingsfold Communion Set"

MV# 203

O Holy, Holy, Holy God, O God of time and space. All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to Your Grace. Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings Your praise. And blessed is the One who comes and bears Your name always!

In the fullness of time, you sent the Chosen one, Jesus of Nazareth; The Christ, your own, to call your splintered creation together...

...Now we gather at Christ's table to remember and to share in this feast of love. In remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Let us pray

The Peace:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Fraction and Pouring

Distribution of the Elements

Concluding Prayer:

One: Friends, we are now one: we are one with each other, one with the church universal, one with Christ, and so as one let us pray together our concluding prayer:

All: Life-Giving God, we have taken our place at Your table. We have participated in this remembrance with Christians the world over today. We accept that we are now called to live Christ-like lives, serving others, protecting the earth, and making right our relationships with each other. For this Christ came, for this Christ served, and for this we are grateful. Amen.

Commissioning:

One: Our time of worship has concluded and as we return to the rhythm of our everyday lives:

**All: May the Grace of God sustain us,
the example of Jesus guide us,
the daring of the Holy Spirit encourage us,
today, tomorrow, and in all the days ahead. Amen.**

Extinguishing of the Christ Light

***Choral Benediction**

“Isaiah 55”

VU#884

Postlude

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Screen operators:

Oct 1 Erik **Oct 8** Elizabeth **Oct 15** Tracy **Oct 22** Erik

Ushers:

Oct 1 Bill & John **Oct 8** Marlene & John **Oct 15** Eleanor & Ensor

This Week's Events

Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
Wednesday	12:30pm	Writer's Circle	Boardroom
Wednesday	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary

Office closed Monday for holiday

Scouting & Guiding groups meet throughout the week.

Mount Royal Announcements:

Thanksgiving Food Donation: collection for Thanksgiving offering. We are collecting non perishable food items as well as fresh items for the Food Bank and for Harvest House. Please bring any fresh items with you to service on Oct 8th.

Writer's Circle - Wed, Oct 4th @ 12:30pm: The writer's circle is a friendly group who meet at Mount Royal on the first Wednesday of the month . Anyone interested in writing is invited and welcome to join. We invite you to just stop in and try it out!

Church Rummage Sale! Oct. 20th 5:30-8pm & Oct. 21st 8-11am. Have any items to donate? Please drop off items to the church office from October 16th -19th between 9-2pm. Thank you!!

Halloween Muffin & Coffee Event!

Mark your calendars! This good will offering event will be held in the church hall at Mount Royal on October 31st from 9:30am - 11:30am! Join us for this fun, social event - we'd love to see you and catch up over some delicious goodies!

Community Announcements:

Bookstravaganza: a charity book sale, with proceeds to Read NB, takes place **Oct 20, 21 and 22** at the Moncton Coliseum. Great selection of used books at fabulous prices. Check out llnb.ca for info about one on one literacy tutoring in NB. **If you have books you would like to donate,** please drop them in the designated boxes at Sobeys stores or contact Susan 506 855-7008 for pick up.

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