



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."

Nov 19th, 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** "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

VU#213

***Greeting**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Invited to worship,

All: we are here to praise.

One: Invited to worship,

All: we are here to pray.

One: Invited to worship,

All: we are here to sing.

One: Invited to worship,

All: we rest in the Peace and Love of Christ.

One: As we worship let us pray:

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

In and through this worship, Gracious God, we are making a choice, a choice to be part of Your transforming Love in this world. We are offering ourselves— body, mind, and spirit— to the mending and tending of Your world. We are opening ourselves to be changed by Your Compassion working in and through us, so that all may experience the Love you sent us in Jesus. May that Love hold us, enfold us,

and move with us in our time together and in the week ahead. Amen.

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

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)

Thank you for Your Love, dear God, that guides us on our way. It lives and grows and changes with us, as we learn and play and pray. Inspire us to use Your gift of Love to help the world to know, that Jesus goes before us wherever it is we go. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Jesus Bids Us Shine" **VU# 585**

Prayer for Understanding: **Reader: Sandra**

Scripture Lesson:

Gospel: Mark 10: 17-31

Response:

One: The Word of God

All: **Thanks be to God for this Living Word.**

Sermon "Is Normal Right?"

Anthem

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn:** "Christ Has No Body Now but Yours" **MV# 171**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

Today, Jesus invites us into a radical new way of living that enables God's Love to reach out and into the lives of all people until the first are last and the last are first. In deep gratitude for this Love, we now offer our own gifts into the world in the hope

they become a source of compassion and care within this community and beyond. *

***Sung Dedication:**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” **VU#541**

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

Loving and Gracious God, today we bring our gifts: the offerings of our hearts, minds, and spirits. We pray that they are acceptable before You and that You would take them and use them in ways that stretch beyond the limits of our imaginations, enabling Your love to flow into this world unfettered and free. Amen.

***Hymn:** “Be Thou My Vision” **VU# 642**

***Blessing:**

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ wash over you,
The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit guide you,
And the Love of God hold you, this day, and always.
Amen.

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

***Choral Benediction** “May the Blessing...” **VU#429**

Postlude

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Screen operators:

Nov 19 Tracy **Nov 26** Erik **Dec 3** Tracy

Ushers:

Nov 19 John **Nov 26** Bill S. & John **Dec 3** Marlene & John

This Week’s Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	11:30am	Pastoral Care	Boardroom
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Club	Kitchen
	7:00pm	Church Council	Boardroom

Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Thursday	12:30pm	Bridge	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall

Scouting, Guiding & other rentals meet throughout the week.

Mount Royal Announcements:

The Ministry & Personnel Committee provides resources and support for the staff and the community of faith with respect to any issue affecting our ministry personnel and lay employees. If members or adherents have praise or concerns about staff, these can be submitted in writing to the Committee. They will be considered confidentially, and if necessary, action will be recommended to Council. The next meeting of the M & P Committee will be on Monday, November 27th. Correspondence can be left in the M & P mailbox by the Mount Royal Blvd. entrance or submitted through the web site under "contacts".

Weekly email: Did you know that Mount Royal sends out a weekly email every Friday? If you are not receiving it and would like to, please let Emily know in the office.

Christmas Decorating at Mount Royal: Do you love decorating for the holidays? Would you like to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas? We could use your help! Anyone interested in lending a hand is invited to meet at the church on **December 2nd at 9am.**

Local Church Announcements:

United Christmas Celebration: Join us **Sun, Dec. 3rd at 7 pm** as **United Churches** of greater Moncton (**including Mount Royal!**) gather to share our Music Ministry and Celebrate Christmas – ***everyone is welcome*** – St. Paul's United Church 404 Cleveland Ave in Riverview. Refreshments to follow & **donations** will be collected for our **local food banks**. Any inquiries contact: Bbarnes.musician@gmail.com or marthashaw11@gmail.com

Scout's Apple Pie Fundraiser: If you ordered a pie, please remember the pickup/payment date is November 25th between 10am-12pm at Mount Royal.

Central United Church "Wednesday Coffee Gathering" –Nov 22nd at Café Inclusio, 1150 Amirault St. at 10:30 am. Nov 29th the Coffee Gathering will be at back at Monk 10 at Hilton Garden Inn on Highfield St at 11:45am! **Please join us** for 1- 1½ hours to share and enjoy the company and great discussion. Drop in for lunch or coffee & chat!

May Your Peace Prevail

God of Peace,
It is so hard to find peace,
in our hearts, in our communities, and in our world.
We ache for it.
We know this is not how you would want us to be.
May your will be done. May your peace prevail.
May our longing for peace lead us on a new journey
to your sacred peace.
Amen.

—an Advent prayer by the Rev. Won Hur

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