



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."

Thanksgiving

October 10th, 2021

Congregational responses in bold.

We Come Together

Prelude

Thanksgiving Medley

Mike Day

Greeting

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Come, you grateful people, come.

All: Let us gather before God and lift up our songs of praise.

One: We give thanks for God's Spirit with us and within us.

All: We give thanks for the blessings of food, family, church and faith.

One: Then let us praise God, the one from whom all blessings flow, as we worship together!

Opening Prayer (*in unison*)

Wonderous Spirit, we raise to you our joyful noise: words of thanksgiving, prayers of praise! From the tides and seasons to the heights of the land, creation declares your goodness. You bless our days with the sun and our night with starlight. May your goodness transform us, deepening our gratitude for each gift given in love. Lead us, we pray, in blessing the lives of others, so that all your world may have reason to rejoice. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn: "Morning Has Broken" **VU#409**

Personal Prayer: "O God We Call" **VU#411**

(concluded as we pray together our family prayer)

We Listen to the Word

Learning Time Lesson

Learning Time Prayer:

Thank You God, that we are yours! From our heads right to our toes—we grow, we change, we love, we hurt, but you are with us wherever we go. Thank you for food, for the air we breathe, for water, shelter, family and friends—but most of all, dear God, we thank you that your love never ends. Amen.

Hymn: "Grateful" **MV#182**

Prayer for Understanding **Reader:** Marlene MacLeod

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6: 25-33

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus, the Christ

All: **In gratitude we praise your name!**

Sermon "Slow Down and Look Around"

Anthem "I Am the Dream" **Choir**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer (unison):

Ever-giving God, you lavish us with great abundance. Love, Grace and your enfolding Peace are priceless gifts. Empower us as we offer our gifts in word and action to the world you love so much. May these offerings be only a small part of our commitment to your ministry here in this world. In Jesus' loving name we pray, Amen.

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" **VU#232**

Prayers of the People

Closing Blessing (unison):

May the God of all Grace attend you; the Love of our Lord Jesus Christ surround you; and the Courage of the Holy Spirit guide you this day and always. Amen

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

Postlude Sing to the Lord of Harvest J. Steurlein, Arr. J. Sanborn

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Screen operators for the coming weeks:

Oct 10 – Esther, **Oct 17** – Elizabeth, **Oct 24** – Erik, **Oct 31** – Debbie

Sound/Prompter operators for the coming weeks:

Oct 10 – Stephen, **Oct 17** – Tracy, **Oct 24** – Stephen, **Oct 31** – Tracy

This Weeks Events

Wednesday	7:00pm	Choir practice	Sanctuary
Thursday	6:15pm	Brownies	Outside

Fundraising - Grocery Gift cards are currently for sale and can be purchased from Terry Foreman at 388-4887 or Tracy in the church office at 855-5771.