



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."

April 24th, 2022 – Second Sunday of Easter

Congregational responses in bold.

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

Greeting/Announcements/Land Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Lights:

One: I will light a light,

All: in the Name of the Creator, who brought light to the world, and breathes the breath of life into me.

One: I will light a light,

All: in the Name of the Son, who saved the world and stretches out his hand to me.

One: I will light a light,

All: in the name of the Holy Spirit, who enfolds the world and blesses my being with purpose.

One: God is three yet God is One,
behold the mystery of the Trinity.

**All: Three lights we perceive yet the source still is One.
Three flames we see burn yet the flame came from One,
three wicks we must tend yet the cord all is One,
three persons in God yet our God is but One.**

Opening Responses:

One: Come all ye wondrous acts of God, come now and flood this place.

All: Come lift us from our frantic pace, to meet the God of grace.

One: Come angel and come visitor, come now and be our guest,
Come Jesus from your dwelling place, come here and take
your rest.

**All: Surround these walls with faith and love, that
through the nights and days, when human tongues,
from speaking cease these stones may echo praise!**

Hymn: "Worship the Lord" **VU#401**

Scripture Lesson: John 20:19-31 (Jesus appears to the disciples)

A New Creed

Reflection "Thomas the Twin"

Anthem "The Potter's Hand"

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

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

Parting Prayer:

One: As you made my hands for holding and you made my eyes
for seeing,

**All: So you made my soul for glory and you wrote me in
your story.**

One: O guide me homeward, Saviour true, until, at last, I'm
home with You.

**All: Now from all darkness to the light, bless my visions
and steer my sight.**

One: Amen, amen, and again, Amen!

All: Hallelujah! Amen! Amen!

Benediction: *(to be spoken at the end of the annual meeting)*

One: Bless to us this day, O God.

**All: The sun that rises above us, the earth that
lives beneath us, the friends who are around
us, your image deep within us,
and all the rest that lies before us. Amen.**

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Call to Order of Annual Meeting

Nomination of Chairperson and Secretary for Meeting

Motion to extend vote to adherents: as stated in B.3.7.2, on page 60 of the 2022 UCC Manual, the "*Adherents may vote at meetings of the congregation if the full members decide to allow adherents to vote.*"

Motion for Adoption of Minutes from the February 2, 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting.

Business arising from the Minutes

Correspondence

Dedication of Committee Reports

All authors of Annual Reports were asked to stand and repeat the following: We dedicate our reports to the Glory of God.

Code of Conduct: The intent, when it was created in 2011, was to read and reconfirm our commitment to it each year. All staff and volunteers dealing with vulnerable populations (children, youth, and the elderly) will be required to get a police check done every 3 years. It is the commitment of the church to provide a safe environment for all persons. All those in agreement with the Code of Conduct are asked to say I do.

Discussion of Reports

New Business

Presentation and adoption of Annual Reports

A motion to adopt all the annual reports with the exception of the Nominations report and the Financial report.

Presentation and adoption of the Nomination Report

The motion to accept the Nominations report as presented

Presentation and adoption of Financial Reports

Motion to approve the Financial Reports for 2021, listed on pages 34-37 of the Annual Report, as presented.

Motion that the 2022 Budget be approved as presented on page 38 of the Annual Report.

Visioning Committee Update

Blessing, Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Ministers: The Gathered Community **-4-**
Clergy: The Rev. Scott Stuart, BA, MDiv.
Music Ministry: France Henriques
Office Administrator: Tracy Parrott
Custodian: Wayne Surette
Church Office: 855-5771
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Rev Scott Stuart's cell: 506-295-5918
Office e-mail: office@mountroyaluc.ca
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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9am - 3pm

Screen operators for the coming weeks:
Apr 24 Esther, **May 1** Elizabeth, **May 8** Erik, **May 15** Debbie
Sound/Prompter operators for the coming weeks:
Apr 24 Stephen **May 1** Tracy **May 8** Tracy, **May 15** Stephen

This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	1:00pm	Art Club	Church Hall
	6:30pm	Beavers	Outside
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	6:15pm	Brownies	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Saturday	10:00am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Sunday	6:30-8pm	Girl Guides	Church Hall

The **Annual Meeting** is today after the worship service.

The **Anniversary Service** will be held Sunday, **May 1** with tea, coffee and cupcakes served at coffee and conversation.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: BUSINESS ARISING: Rev. Stuart's vacation of August 6-21/22 (2 weeks, 3 Sundays) and March 4-12/23 (9 days, 2 Sundays) was approved. There has not been any more word from the Coptic Church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: MINISTERS REPORT: Rev Stuart will be discussing the Faces of Faith in the coming weeks and persons to come forward and share a bit of the faces of faith from their own faith journey and light a candle.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE: the freezer isn't working and the repair would cost \$2,250. It was recommended that we not proceed with the repairs at this time.

COMMUNICATION: the services and other requests are posted to the FB page.

SYSTEMS COMMITTEE: There is now an "In memorium" tab on the homepage of the website. **MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL:** Debbie Maund will replace Ron Roper as chair of this committee. There was a motion to approve Rev. Stuart's study leave June 6-19 (2 weeks with 2 Sundays) and Tracy Parrott's request for vacation August 2-19 and two weeks in October. Ensor Nicholson seconded the motion. **UCW/CRAFT GROUP:** met and prepared pails filled with cleaning supplies for Crossroads for Women. Two new members joined the UCW. The UCW proposed the possibility of holding a bridge party with a lunch served on May 19. There would be a maximum of 12 tables. Tea and coffee would be served and the sandwiches /desserts would be on covered plates on the tables when they arrive. Participants would wear masks while entering the space and remove them once they are seated. The tables would be sanitized before and after the event. Council was in agreement. On Anniversary Sunday cupcakes and tea and coffee will be served after church. Craft Group lost one of their members; Ann Kee's funeral was April 16. **CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT:** the possibility of a plant swap was discussed for this spring. An outdoor BBQ was also discussed. Scott will be contacting families with children to see about their comfort in attending worship and being invited to sit up front for the Children's Learning time. **OUTREACH:** It was noted that the many organisations who were supported through Lent were very pleased to receive the generous donations of items and cash. **NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made that the church be closed for the first three weeks of August. It was suggested that links to other churches services be provided on the website or folks be encouraged to attend church elsewhere.

Yard Sale at Mountain View United Church, 85 MacBeath Ave.,
Friday, April 29th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and Saturday, April 30th,
from 8:00 am to noon.