



# 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."

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**January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Fourth Sunday in Epiphany**

Congregational responses in bold.

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## ***We Come Together***

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

**Greeting**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Land Acknowledgement:**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Listen—Do you hear the voice of the Holy One?

**All: Inviting, daring, challenging, celebrating, and calling you and me.**

One: God's Spirit speaking the words, I formed you.

**All: I know you.**

One: I consecrate you.

**All: I appoint you.**

One: I send you.

**All: Fear no one. I am with you.**

One: I will deliver you.

**All: I have put my words in your mouth.**

One: Let us answer God's call

**All: Let us worship!**

**Opening Prayer: Gentle and loving God, we gather to worship knowing that you are with us. During this season of Epiphany, we journey on the path that Jesus travelled between his birth and the start of his ministry. We come to**

**learn, as he learned, with open hearts and minds. We come to understand our place in your world as Jesus learned to understand his place too. Give us the courage to answer your call, take our place, and travel this path with Jesus.**

**Hymn:** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" **VU#509**

**Personal Prayer** "Send Your Holy Spirit" x2 **VU#370**  
*(concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer—Ecumenical version)*

### **We Listen to the Word**

#### **Children's Time**

##### **Children's Time Prayer:**

**In peace and in hope you call to us, your voice for all to hear. Your voice within our daily lives, offering a path that is clear. Give us the strength to listen and the courage to answer your call, that we may journey together with you, our love, our light, our all. Amen.**

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

**Prayer for Understanding** **Reader:** Lee Wilson

##### **Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-10**

**One:** This is the Word of God spoken through Jeremiah.

**All:** **May God grant us ears to listen and the courage to answer Christ's call.**

**Sermon** "Answering the Absurd"

**Anthem** "Calling You" Boyce Ward

#### **Prayers of the People**

### **We Respond to the Word**

##### **Invitation to the Offering**

We are invited by the Giver of every good gift to share all that is within us. Everyone who is here is a gift. Everyone who is yet to arrive is a gift. Everyone who we are yet to meet is a gift. Together, in thanks and praise, we hear God's call to be the church,

offering back a portion of what we have been so generously given, in the service of the church and for the Spirit's mission.

**Offertory Prayer (unison): Loving God, in the offering of our hearts this day, we are reminded that it is you who made us, formed us, and have known us long before our birth. You have placed your words in our mouths and call us to speak them. May this offering enable your voice to be heard and your Spirit to move in this community of faith and beyond. In the gentle name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn:** "Love Is the Touch" **MV#89**

**Blessing:** As we move from this space, we go knowing that our worship continues as God calls, and we answer. Go now knowing that the Love of God surrounds you, the Peace of Christ is held within you, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit enfolds you, this day and in the days to come. **Amen.**

## **Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

### **Postlude**

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**Jan 30** – Stephen, **Feb 6** – Tracy, **Feb 13** – Stephen, **Feb 20** – Tracy