



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."

May 15th, 2022 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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*)

Greeting

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: Light of the world.

All: Love of our hearts.

One: Peace of our living.

All: Grace in our growing.

One: Light of all lights,

All: within the faces of our faith....

One: (*lighting our Christ light – Kim*)

One: Light of our world enlightening our living!

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: With a heart of love,

All: God welcomes us.

One: With a word of hope,

All: God walks with us.

One: With the Peace of Christ,

All: God surrounds us.

One: No matter what we look like,

All: no matter where we come from,

One: no matter any difference,

All: We are all one in God's love, we are all one in Christ, we are all one in the Spirit as we worship.

Opening Prayer: *(unison)*

Holy One, as we enter this time of worship, we do so as Your great family. In this time, with Your Spirit, open our hearts, stir our minds, and make our spirits eager for the work of love to which you call us. Allow Your creative and extravagant light to lead us into seeing one another—neighbours and strangers, ALL, as children of Your grace. We pray in the name of the One who came binding us together for all time, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Hymn: "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom" **MV#10**

Personal Prayer "Open Our Hearts" **MV#21**
(concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Hey God! You made us different, and our curious hearts want to know. Why some are taller, and some are smaller, while some of us just want to grow. No matter what we look like, or even how we speak, your love is deep inside us, each of us unique. So, help us see and use our gifts, your story help us share. Each of us is your precious child, guiding us all in prayer. Amen.

Hymn: "Creator God You Gave Us Life" **MV#27**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Reader: Kim Gallant

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 2: 4b-23

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church:

All: God's love is for ALL of Creation, now and always.

Sermon "The Stuff that Binds Us"

Anthem "I Wonder as I Wander" from Appalachian Carol
collected by John Jacob Niles

Prayers of the People

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

As we make our offerings this day, let us hear God's call to serve those who need it most. Not just those who look or think like us, but those who are seen as the last and least by our world. Truly sharing what we have means that none are left behind. And so, as God has offered grace and love to us, let us do the same this day in the offering of our hearts.

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Tender God, You have given us so much. Love and grace beyond measure, gifts to share, and people with whom to be in fellowship. Let these gifts transform us, that our eyes are open to see the world as you see it— all equal in Your sight, all worthy of Your grace, all in need of Your precious light. We offer all we are, and all that we have to share, in Jesus' precious name. We are family, brought together by your light. Amen.

Hymn: "When Long Before Time"

VU#248

Blessing: (*unison*)

One: We go out this day,

All: loved by God.

One: We go out this day,

All: changed by Christ.

One: We go out this day,

All: Held by the Spirit.

One: We go out this day,

All: Ready to love the world. Amen.

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Postlude

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May 15 Stephen **May 22** Stephen **May 29** Tracy, **June 5** Stephen

This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	11:30am	Pastoral Care Meet	Boardroom
	6:30pm	Cubs	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	1:00pm	Art Club	Church Hall
	6:30pm	Beavers	Outside
	7:00pm	Church Council	Church Hall
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	12:00pm	Bridge Luncheon	Church Hall
	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

Announcements

The **Baker Family Scholarship** is open to members of Mount Royal United Church graduating from High School in NB. Applicants must be entering a post-secondary institution in the fall. Applications are to be in the form of a 300-word essay outlining the applicant's academic achievements, extracurricular activities, volunteerism and future plans. Applications will close on **May 31, 2022**.

The UCW will host a **bridge luncheon** on Thursday, **May 19** at 12pm. Pre-registration is required.

Grocery gift cards are now available from Terry Foreman grocerycards@mountroyaluc.ca or 388-4887 or from the office at 855-5771. They are available in \$50 and \$100 denominations, Thank you for continuing to support this important fundraiser.

Perennial Plant Swap - 11:40am – 1pm, Sunday, **May 29th**. Divide your perennials and bring a portion to exchange for a different one. This is an outdoor event. If you are just beginning to garden, we will have a plant for you as a gift.

"I Wonder" Box - Do you wonder why something is in the Bible? How to put faith into action? Do you have an idea or dream to share? There is now an "I Wonder" box at the back of the church for those burning questions, bright ideas or unsolved mysteries. Simply write it down in a slip of paper and place it in the box.