



# 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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**November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Congregational responses are in bold.

(\* ) Indicates Standing.

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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:**

As we open in worship this day, we acknowledge that the land upon which we worship, work, and live is the traditional land of the Wabanaki people; in this area they are the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. As our faith calls us to love one another as Jesus loves us, may we through our living, continue seeking right relations with all Indigenous peoples.

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Jesus called the first disciples,

**All: and the spirit gifted their hearts and their living.**

One: Jesus called the lost and the lonely,

**All: and the spirit gifted their hearts and their living.**

One: Jesus called the least in the lowly,

**All: and the spirit gifted their hearts and their living.**

One: Jesus calls you and me into worship and service,

**All: and the Spirit gifts our hearts and our living. Let us worship now in joy.**

**Opening Prayer:** *(unison)*

**Transforming God, Leader of life's journeys, Your call to us is held deep in our hearts. It is that persistent pulling at the back of our minds, that passion that simply will not let us go, that gift which You have placed in our hearts from the moment of our birth. As we worship this day, allow Your Restless Spirit to touch our spirits, awakening and sparking in us a renewed passion for the building of Your Kingdom in this faith family and beyond. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn:** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"

**VU# 395**

**Personal Prayer:** "Cradle Me in Your Arms"

**MV#91**

*(concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)*

**Children's Learning Time**

**Children's Prayer:**

**Thank you, God, that this family is made of me and You. You made each one of us in Your image, giving us different things to do. Help us to hear Jesus calling us to follow in His way, that we can use the gifts we have to help people every day. In the name of the Spirit, we offer this prayer, that it leads us and stays with us, helping us to care. Amen.**

**Hymns:** "I Am the Dream"

**MV# 106**

**We Listen to the Word**

**Prayer for Understanding**

**Reader: Caroline**

Holy One, as we listen to Your Living Word this day, allow us the Grace to know You are with us, sitting beside us in love, unfolding for us wisdom. May the reading of Your Word be light for our living and our guide on this journey. **Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson: Acts 2: 1-8**

**John 1: 35-42**

**Response:**

**One:** This is the Living Word of God,

**All:** **thanks be to God for this sacred Word.**

**Sermon** "Faithful Stewardship"

**Anthem** "Speak Loud"

## **Prayers of the People**

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

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

Just as Jesus called those first disciples, and the Spirit gifted them for service, that same call reaches out towards each of us. In our offering we give back to Christ's ministry a portion of those gifts with which we have been blessed. May our discipleship this day, expressed through our offering, be used by God for the good of this community and the well-being of this world.

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

**Gracious God, eternal source of all good gifts. You call us as a faith family, to share all that we have, and all that we are with one another and the world. We remember the story of Jesus calling His first disciples, and the Spirit gifting them for their ministry. As we offer our gifts of time, talent, and treasure this day, continue to bless us and what we offer with Your Spirit. Allow our gifts to nurture a small portion of Your Kingdom, reaching out and into the broken places of our community and beyond. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "I Feel the Winds of God"

**VU# 625**

#### **\*Benediction:**

**We go forth with open ears and eyes,  
listening for the call of Christ.**

**May God strengthen us as Jesus leads,  
and the Spirit of Life take root in our living. Amen.**

#### **\*Extinguishing the Christ Candle**

#### **\*Choral Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

**Clergy:** The Rev. Scott Stuart, BA, MDiv.  
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**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday, 9am – 2pm

**Screen operators for the coming weeks:**  
**Nov. 13** Tracy **Nov 20** Elizabeth **Nov 27** Erik **Dec 4** Stephen

## This Week's Events: Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – Nov 19<sup>th</sup>

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	11:30	<b>Pastoral Care Meeting</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
	2:00pm	<b>Sparks</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	1:00pm	<b>Art Club</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Church Council</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Choir</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	6:15pm	<b>Brownies</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

## *Announcements*

**Grocery Gift Cards** - are now available! Please contact the office at 855-5771 or [office@mountroyaluc.ca](mailto:office@mountroyaluc.ca) to purchase one today! Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser. These make fantastic Christmas gifts for everyone on your list!

**Ushers** - We would like to return to having a rotational list of ushers to help support our Sunday services by welcoming people, passing out bulletins and other tasks. To do this we need to expand on the core group of people who have been helping to usher during the last couple of years. With enough helpers no one should have to commit to more than one Sunday every couple of months. If you are willing to help, please contact John Brown at 232-5590 or by email at [jabrown.sussex@gmail.com](mailto:jabrown.sussex@gmail.com)

**Apple Pies** – 1st Jones Lake Scouting is selling apple pies for \$10/pie  
**Order by** - November 18th by calling/texting Mary Stephenson 871-7807  
**Pick-up** –Saturday, November 26th after 10am. These pies are made from scratch in the Mount Royal kitchen by the youth and adults. Note- We may be able to accommodate special requests ie. Spices and sweeteners.

**Congratulations** – to **Courtney Donovan** and **Nick Smith** for receiving Queen Elizabeth II platinum Jubilee medals. The Lieutenant Governor of NB, Brenda, L. Murphy, presented this prestigious award.

**Mount Royal Movie Night "Remember the Titans" – Sat, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** Please join us for a night of fellowship. Popcorn and refreshments are provided. Feel free to bring a friend!

**"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.

**Food donations** - We are collecting non-perishable food items for the Alimentaire Peter McKee Food Bank the first Sunday of every month. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday doesn't work for you? Feel free to donate anytime! Please bring your donations and leave them in the bin at the Bessborough door.