



# 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 "Reign of Christ"

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**

**Minute for Mission**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Christ reigns,

**All: and our hearts open with thanksgiving!**

One: Christ reigns,

**All: and we are bound together in fellowship and faith!**

One: Christ reigns,

**All: And God's love holds us and enfolds us!**

One: Christ reigns,

**All: and our voices join in praises and prayer!**

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

**Holy One, Your reign is all around us. When we feel distanced from You, still You come to us. When we feel we've disappointed You, You offer forgiveness. When we become high and mighty, You remind us of the servant leadership You modeled, and call us to follow. Move with us now through our worship and offer us the assurance that it is Your Love that leads us into a Peace which only Christ the King can provide. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" **VU# 211**

**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:**

**We thank you, God, for all the ways that Jesus teaches and leads. For the paths of peace and justice and for the people that he frees. As we grow together, let us follow in Jesus' way, so that Your light continues to shine everywhere and everyday. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Bathe Me in Your Light" **MV#82**

***We Listen to the Word***

**Prayer for Understanding**

**Reader: Kim**

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 peace for our hearts. **Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25: 31-46**

**Response:**

**One:** This is the Word of Jesus the Christ,

**All:** **our king, teacher and great friend.**

**Sermon** "Reign of Christ"

**Anthem** "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"

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

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

Knowing that everything in life worth having, including life itself, comes from the heart of God; let us out of a grateful heart, give back to God for Christ's work in the world. Jesus once said, "What you do to the least of these you also do to me." May our offerings this day reflect God's desire for a more equitable world, transforming our understanding of what it means to follow the Prince of Peace.

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

**God, we thank You for every opportunity we have to share the Good News of Your Love in Jesus Christ. We make this offering as a renewed commitment to discipleship and working for justice. Bless and guide how these gifts are used that each of God's children may be welcomed in, valued, and come to know Your Love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "One Bread, One Body"

**VU# 467**

### **Sacrament of Communion**

**One:** We have heard about God, who loved confusion into order and gave each creature a divine image, making the world.

**All:** **We have heard about Jesus, a poor man whose banquet feeds the world, a healer whose wounds give life, a teacher whose wisdom traces love's order in the world, finding the divine in each of us.**

**One:** We have heard how Jesus died, and how, for those who loved Him, He rose again.

**All:** **We have heard about the Holy Spirit, who breaks the bonds of race and class, of gender and creed, to show God's love for everyone.**

**One:** And we have heard that love makes all things new. We come to this table asking for the bread of such blessings.

**All: In what we do here may God's Love be revealed renewing and remaking us in the image of Christ the King.**

**One:** Loving God, you have called us together as one great family and so today we join with all your people on earth praising your name in the unending song of faith, saying:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the Highest.**

In the fullness of time, you sent the Chosen one, Jesus of Nazareth; The Christ, your own, to call your splintered creation together. He came preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins and to those who responded, he announced them joint heirs of eternal love with him. When the stubborn forces of darkness threatened to bring his life to an end, He called his followers together and took bread...

Now we gather at Christ's table to remember and to share in this feast of love. In remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Let us pray:** Holy One, Creator of all people and worlds, send now upon this bread and cup your life-giving Spirit. May this outpouring of the promised Spirit transfigure this thanksgiving meal, that this bread and cup may become for us a bond, binding us to you and to one another. That we may be one body and one spirit in Christ.  
**Amen.**

**The Peace:**

**One:** The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

## **Fraction and Pouring:**

My faith family, in and through Christ, these are not the gifts of The United Church of Canada, nor do they belong to the Mount Royal Community of Faith; these are the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ and all whose lives are open to Him are welcomed at this table.

## **Distribution of the Elements**

### **Concluding Prayer:**

One: Friends, we are now one: we are one with each other, one with the church universal, one with Christ, and so as one let us pray together our concluding prayer:

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, you had once put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us, and remake us. Thanks to your life, what we have been passed, and what we shall become through you, still awaits us. On this day may the light of Christ dwell within us guiding our way in your glorious creation. Amen.**

### **\*Benediction:**

**As we ready ourselves to leave this place may:  
the Love of God rest with you,  
the friendship of Christ the King remain with you,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit guide you,  
this day and always. Amen.**

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

### **\*Choral Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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**Screen operators for the coming weeks:**

**Nov 20** Erik   **Nov 27** Tracy   **Dec 4** Stephen   **Dec 11** Tracy

**This Week's Events: Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</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>	1:00pm	<b>Bridge</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	6:15pm	<b>Brownies</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00am	<b>Pie pick up</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!

**Winter item collection during Advent** - We are collecting items to donate to Ensemble. Each Sunday is a different item: Nov. 27 – Winter hats, Dec. 4 – Gloves, Dec. 11 – Handwarmers, Dec. 18 – Socks. Together we can make a difference!

**White Gift Sunday is Dec 4** – Thank you for your generosity by donating gift cards for students in our neighbourhood schools.

## **Council Highlights - VISIONING COMMITTEE PRESENTATION:**

Committee presented council with a Visioning Report which is the result of 23 meetings. Committee representatives answered questions and council discussed recommendations. Priorities could be making physical changes, environmental changes and how we ask volunteers to participate. Motion made that council commits to serious examination of the visioning report and creates a priority list of actionable items at the December meeting. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A lovely "Thank You" card from Tracy Parrot for her retirement party and gift.

## **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Treasurer submitted report and reviewed it noting that recent fundraisers (pancake and rummage) have been quite successful. Offerings have not fluctuated much since last year however costs are rising, and major repairs are significant. **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:**

Heat pumps were installed in church office and minister's office on November 17 and 18. **PASTORAL CARE:**

The annual holiday cookie delivery to folks at home this year has been organised. **UCW/CRAFT GROUP:**

UCW gave a \$2000 donation to Mount Royal United Church recently. Craft group will be making a significant donation soon. **WORSHIP COMMITTEE:**

White Gift Sunday is on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The recipients will be the same schools as last year. **MINISTERS REPORT:**

Rev Scott Stuart submitted a written report to outline his many activities since the last council meeting. **COMMUNICATION:**

Postings of interest to the church are being shared on Facebook. Upcoming Christmas letter sent from the office will be printed in colour. **CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

Kids Korner is seeing an increase of children and volunteers are very much appreciated. They Continue using Illustrated Ministries program. **OUTREACH:**

Summary shared of recent Reconnect meeting. In Oct. Reconnect had 33 new clients who have predominantly been priced out of their living arrangements. The city has seen an influx of individuals from neighbouring provinces with the current homeless population exceeding 500. Many clients are seniors and working poor. Motion to donate \$200 in Sobeys gift cards (that will be used to purchase \$5 Tim cards) to YMCA Reconnect and \$200 in Sobeys gift cards to United Way for Inspiration Café. **NEW BUSINESS:** A motion to move the date of the December meeting to December 13, 2022 was made. The importance of having an up to date rental agreement was discussed.