



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."

October 23rd, 2022, Season of Creation "Water"

Congregational responses are in bold.

(*) Indicates Standing.

We Come Together

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

Greeting

The lighting of the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement:

In this Season of Creation, our attention is drawn to the connection we have with this earth, one another, and God. As people who are called to love one another as Christ loves us, we acknowledge now that the land we are on is the traditional land of the Wabanaki people; in this area, they are the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. May we continue seeking right relations with all Indigenous people, the land, and our loving God.

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: As streams and rivers flow together into the sea,

All: the current of living water gathers us here.

One: Louder and more powerful than the rush of the ocean,

All: the current of living water gathers us here.

One: Calm and peaceful as the sound of a small stream,

All: the current of living water gathers us here.

One: We come to be refreshed at the well of God's Grace,

All: drinking deeply with our praises and prayer.

One: Come then, and let us worship in gratitude and love,

All: that we may never thirst again.

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Loving God, You who brought all of creation into being are part of that creation. In this moment of worship, we pray Your Spirit would attune us to Your presence surrounding and within us. Speak to us once more with words of Grace through the gentle sound of Your heart, rhythmically beating within our own. Flow over us with Your Holy Spirit and help us to embody the glory of Your love shared within this community and with all aspects of Your good creation. In the name of your Son, our Living Water, through whom all creation was born, we offer this prayer. Amen.

*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" **VU#232**

Personal Prayer: "Hope Shines As..." **MV#220**
(Concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Thank you, God, for water that helps creation grow. We know Your presence through it, and feel Your Spirit's flow. Help us care for all of it, the oceans, the rivers and streams, that all will know of Your living water—that love which is your dream. Amen.

*Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story" **VU#343**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Reader: Valerie Tremble

Let us pray: Loving God, Your Word is a living guide to us revealing the path of love and peace within the world and within our lives. As we approach your Word this morning, let it resonate within our own hearts. Change us by the hearing of it and move us to action in our reflection. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Revelation 22: 1-5
John 4: 1-15

Response: "A New Creed"

Sermon "Living Water"

Anthem "Wake O My Soul"

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

Friends, today we are reminded that the gift of Living Water is the gift of Jesus the Christ who comes and walks beside us in every moment of our living. Through this gift, which surpasses our understanding, our spirits are quenched, and our lives refreshed at the well of God's Grace. In response to this wondrous gift, we offer back to God our lives and living, praying they be used to refresh our community and world.

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)*

Holy God, You sent Your Son into this world as Living Water who refreshes and nourishes all of creation. As part of that creation, we now offer back a small portion of what You have given us. May this offering be acceptable and blessed by You. May it go forth into the world continuing the work of Christ, who restores and guides us into the fullness of living. In the tender name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "We Are Pilgrims"

VU#595

Prayers of the People

Benediction: *(unison)*

May you go in peace celebrating the wonders of creation and know that in all the seasons of our lives, God is with us. Listen to the songs of the waves and the hymns of the trees. Touch the earth with love and respect. May God bless us and hold us gently as we seek to do God's work in the world. Our worship has ended and so now our service begins.

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Choral Benediction: "When You Walk from Here"

VU#298

Postlude

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This Week's Events: Oct. 23rd – 29th

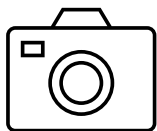
Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	2:00pm	Sparks	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Visioning Committee	Boardroom
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	1:00pm	Art Club	Church Hall
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	1:00pm	Bridge	Church Hall
	6:15pm	Brownies	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall

Screen operators for the coming weeks:
Oct 23 Elizabeth **Oct 30** Erik **Nov. 6** Stephen **Nov. 13** Tracy

Announcements

Pancake Breakfast – Sat, Nov 5th, 8-11:30am \$10 per person or \$35 per family Includes: eggs, sausages, toast, juice, tea or coffee plus our famous smiley face pancakes. Maple products for sale. Would you consider volunteering? Contact Erik Gingles for more info.

Writer's Circle meet in the first Wed of the month from 12-2pm. Anyone interested in writing, or the writing process is invited and welcome to join. Participants share anything they are working on. Contact Joan at northward8@gmail.com for more details.



Universal Portrait Studios will be contacting you in the coming weeks to set up an appointment to have your photos taken. Brenda is the employee who will call you and she has a 902 phone number. You are not obligated to purchase any photos but if you do participate you will receive a free photo directory. Please consider having your photo taken to assist Scott and Emily become more familiar with faces and names.

Mount Royal Movie Night "Remember the Titans" – Sat, Nov 19th @ 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.



