



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."

September 4th, 2022

Congregational responses in bold.

(*) Indicates Standing.

We Come Together

Prelude

Greeting

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: When we are lost,

All: God finds us.

One: As we stray from the way,

All: God calls out to us.

One: Like a potter at the wheel,

All: God shapes us and molds us.

One: We are here, and Christ is here,

All: ready and eager, let us worship our living God.

Opening Prayer: *(unison)*

Gentle and Loving God, You are the Potter, and we are the clay. As we worship this day, take our lives, renewing and remaking them. Shape us and form us into the people and community You need for Your ministry in this place. May Your Spirit so fill us with living water, that we may be wholly Yours held and lead by Your love. We ask all this in the tender name of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Spirit of the Living God" **VU#376**

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:

Shaped by Your touch and love, dear, God, we come to You this day. When things don't feel quite right or hurt, show us that You reshape our way. We trust that You are with us, in all we say and do, so shape us, mould us, remake us, God, for You can always make things new. Amen.

***Hymn:** "I Am the Dream" **MV#106**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Reader: Marlene MacLeod

Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 18: 1-11

One: This is the Word of God,

All: **that shapes our lives and transforms us through grace.**

Sermon "The Potters Shed"

Anthem "The Potter's Hand"

Prayers of the People

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)*

Loving Potter, ever mindful of Your children, You fashion us into vessels fit for Your service. Transform our living into acts of grace for Your world. Just as You form and bless us, accept this offering, shaping it to be a blessing for all Your children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Love, Who Made Me in Your Likeness" (v 1-5) **VU#565**

Benediction:

One: The one who shaped us in our mother's womb, continues to love and shapes us still.

All: God is the Potter; we are the clay.

One: The one who formed our inward parts continues to create us anew.

All: God is the Potter; we are the clay.

One: The one who molds us in God's own image, fashions us for glory.

All: God is the Potter; we are the clay.

One: And so, we go now with God's blessing, the Spirit guiding, and Christ walking beside us, in every moment of our living. **Amen.**

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Postlude

Thank you and welcome to **Rev. Catherine Stuart** for standing in for Rev. Scott Stuart this week.

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Clergy: The Rev. Scott Stuart, BA, MDiv.

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 9am – 3pm (this week only)

Screen operators for the coming weeks:

Sep 4 Elizabeth, **Sep 11** Erik, **Sep 18** Esther, **Sep 25** Elizabeth

Sound/Prompter operators for the coming weeks:

Sep 4 Mark, **Sep 11** Stephen, **Sep 18** Tracy, **Sep 25** Stephen

This Week's Events

Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
Wednesday	1:00pm	Writers Circle	Boardroom

Announcements

Community fun day – on Sunday, Sept 18 join us for free hot dogs, face-painting, games and an opportunity to find out what groups are available for you at Mount Royal. Beginning at 11:30am come on out and see what we're all about and sign up for groups or let us know what groups you would like to see offered.

"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.

Celebration of Life for Marjorie Henderson - On Saturday, September 10 at 1:30:PM, we invite you to join us as we say goodbye to our wonderful mother, Marjorie Henderson. We have chosen to hold this event at Parlee beach because that's where she grew up and spent so many happy days - as did we all. We hope you will join us as we make a scrapbook of memories of our mother and invite you to share with us a memory, picture or anything else that you choose. We will gather on the top floor of Euston's Canteen located at 221 Parlee Beach Rd, Pointe du Chene. There is free parking and the building is accessible to all.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee is the only mandatory committee of the governing body of a community of faith?

The M&P Committee acts under the guidelines of *The Manual of The United Church of Canada*. The committee functions around

three roles, which are the consultative and supportive role, the healthy relationships role, and the supervisory role. We provide resources and support for the staff and the community of faith with respect to any issue affecting staff of our church, including ministry personnel and lay employees. The committee works to build positive and trusting relationships between staff and members and adherents of the community of faith.

If members of the community of faith have praise or concerns about staff, both ministry personnel and lay employees, these can be shared in signed correspondence with the committee. The issues will be considered confidentially by the M&P Committee, who will recommend action.

The M&P Committee has had a busy summer working to fill 2 lay staff positions at Mount Royal. We are very excited to announce that **Matt Wilson** has accepted the role of temporary Custodian beginning September 5th, 2022. Some of you may recognize Matt as he has filled in for Wayne in the past. Since he's already familiar with the building, he's keen to get started in his position. We are equally excited to announce that **Emily Smith** has accepted the position of Office Administrator, replacing Tracy Parrott. Emily will begin her position on September 19th, allowing for the opportunity to "learn the ropes" before Tracy begins her retirement on September 30th. Emily comes to us as an experienced Office Administrator, having worked at Visions United. Emily is a warm and personable individual who is filled with enthusiasm and a "get it done" attitude. I hope that you will join with the M&P Committee in welcoming both of these individuals to the Mount Royal Community of Faith.

Presently serving on the committee are Jan Tingley, Phyllis Perry, Stephen Townsend, Marlene MacLeod and Debbie Maund, Chair

The next meeting of the M&P Committee will be held on September 8th at 7pm. If you have any praise or concerns to bring to our attention, please contact Debbie by phone at 961-4636 or by email at mandp@mountroualuc.ca