



# 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."

Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Baptism of the Lord

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**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: There are some days when I need the reminder that I belong to God. Do you ever feel that way?

**All: Yes, we do. The world can be a weary place; we often need that reminder.**

One: Well then, let us care for one another. Let us speak the truth we each need to hear. Friends, you belong to God. You are God's beloved.

**All: Friend, you belong to God. You are God's beloved.**

One: Let us worship the God who knows our names.

**All: Let us worship the God who calls us beloved!**

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

**Holy One, on this day as we share the story of Jesus' baptism, You once again call us to gather on the banks of the River Jordan. May we, like John the Baptist, be willing to follow Jesus into those living waters. May we, like John the Baptist, humbly answer Your call to serve. May we, like Jesus, hear Your voice naming and claiming us as your beloved; and may we then carry that Love with us, out into the world. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "The First Nowell"

**VU# 91**

**Personal Prayer:** "Where Two or Three..." x2  
*(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)*

**MV#14**

## **Children's Learning Time**

### **Children's Prayer:**

**In this life, Holy One, You reach out to us, in so many wonderful ways. You name us and claim us as Your beloved, for each and all of our days. As we hear those words again today, may they find a home in our heart, that our lives be held in Your Love and your Light, never to depart. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Spirit God, Be Our Breath"

**MV# 150**

### **We Listen to the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Reader: Marlene**

### **Scripture Lessons:**

**Psalm: 29 (VU pg. 756 with sung refrain)**

**Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

### **Response:**

**One:** This is the Word of God.

**All:** **Light for our living, Love for our growing.**

**Sermon** "... In You, God is Well Pleased"

**Anthem** "The Star Still Shines"

Cathy and France

## **Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn:** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

**VU# 101**

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

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

### **\*Sung Dedication:**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**VU# 541**

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

**O God, in baptism You claim us as Your own. We are a visible symbol of Your ever-present Love, a Love that we remember and give thanks for this day. Therefore, we now**

give with eager hearts symbols that represent our love and gratitude. May these gifts be taken and used in such a way, that others may hear Your voice calling out “beloved”, and in that voice know, they are never alone. In Jesus’ Joyous name we pray. Amen.

\*Hymn: “I Am the Light of the World”

VU# 87

\*Commissioning

\*Choral Benediction

Postlude

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**Ushers: Jan 7** Howard Easton & John B. **Jan 14** Sue R. & John B.

**Screens: Jan 7** Erik **Jan 14** Tracy **Jan 21** Erik

### This Week’s Events

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Club</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
	11:30am	<b>UCW Meeting</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	12:30pm	<b>Bridge</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Choir</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

*\*Please note: Office will be closed from Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.*

### Mount Royal Announcements:

**Sobeys Grocery Card Fundraiser!** We still have \$50 & \$100 cards available for purchase during regular office hours.

**Lunch with Friends: January 18<sup>th</sup> @ noon.** Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary or by contacting the office before Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. We hope to see you there!

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