



# Mount Royal United Church

Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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*)

**Introit** "Worship the Lord" (refrain only)

**VU#401**

**Greeting/Light of the Christ Candle**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Minute for Mission**

**Call to Worship:**

One: "Come with me."

**All: We welcome Jesus' words in times of great joy.**

One: "Come with me."

**All: We welcome Jesus' words in times of anxiety and stress.**

One: "Come with me."

**All: We welcome Jesus' words when they are the last thing we would like to welcome.**

One: "Come with me."

**All: We welcome Jesus' words; we pick up and follow His call and with all our hearts, we sing out His praise as we worship together.**

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

**Loving God, in a world filled with noise, You are our place of calm and quiet. In a world filled with complexity, You are our guiding light. In a world that yearns for Your Kingdom, You invite us to create with You that home of compassion and care. As we move into this time of worship, speak to us once again. Allow our hearts to know Your voice and allow our spirits the courage and strength to follow wherever You may lead. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" **VU# 395**

**Personal Prayer:** "Where Two or Three..." x2 **MV#14**  
(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

**Children's Learning Time**

**Children's Prayer:**

In a world of many voices, it's Yours we long to hear. God, help us to know when You speak to us, let Your message be loud and clear. We might not always want to follow, or know just what is true. But we know that Jesus will always call us, and show us what to do. Amen.

**\*Hymn:** "I Have Called You by Your Name" **MV# 161**

**We Listen to the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination:** **Reader: Ina**

**Scripture Lessons:**

**Old Testament: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10**  
**Gospel: John 1: 43-51**

**Response:**

**One:** This is God's Word calling out to us,  
**All:** **in love and peace, we follow.**

**Sermon** "Speak, for Your Servant is Listening"

**Anthem** "Amazing Grace"

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn:** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" **VU# 509**

**We Respond to the Word**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**\*Sung Dedication:**  
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" **VU# 541**

**Offertory Prayer: (unison)**

Great are Your works, O God! Even greater is Your love for all creation! We offer our gifts to You this day in grateful thanksgiving for calling us to You. Renew our trust

in You and our courage to follow. Keep us close, that we may be changed by Your presence and in turn, go on to change the world around us. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

\*Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

VU# 506

\*Commissioning/Extinguishing the Christ Light

Blessing (unison):

May the Love of God pursue you,  
The Light of Christ enfold you,  
And the Holy Spirit keep you;  
This day and forevermore.  
Amen.

\*Choral Benediction "Blessing"

**Postlude**

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**Ushers:** Jan 14 Sue R. & John B. Jan 21 Annie T. & John B.

**Screens:** Jan 14 Tracy Jan 21 Erik Jan 28 Tracy

### This Week's Events

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	11:30am	<b>Pastoral Care</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Club</b>	<b>Kitchen</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>	12:00pm	<b>Lunch with Friends</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

*\*Please note: Office will be closed from Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Mount Royal Announcements:**

**Lunch with Friends: January 18<sup>th</sup> @ noon.** Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary or call the office before Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 12pm.

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