



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 28th, 2024

Fourth 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

Call to Worship:

One: You call us to gather in Your name,

All: and here we are.

One: You promised the Spirit would be present to guide us,

All: and we follow.

One: You named us Your body, Your hands, Your feet, Your heart, and voice,

All: and so we are.

One: In You we find our light, our life, and our source of comfort and peace.

All: and in joy we worship.

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Gracious and Loving God, as we gather here in this place, we come grateful for each person here and not here, for Your presence that weaves its way into this worship, and for the friendship of Your Son that journey's with us as we leave. May Your Spirit greet us once again in the rhythm of this time and in the unexpected moments of Grace that You surprise us with. May our hearts be drawn closer to Yours this day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "For the Fruit of All Creation"

VU#227

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

***Hymn:** "This is God's Wondrous World" **VU#296**

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

In Your presence and through Your Grace, we thank You God for Your embrace. You touch our hearts with joy and peace, Your Love for us will never cease. May Your Spirit find us in unexpected ways, and guide us gently through all our days. Allow us to be love and light, for all Your children may we shine bright. Amen.

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Reader: Mike

Scripture Lessons:

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

Response:

One: This is God's message of Grace,

All: **for us and for all creation.**

Sermon "God Doesn't Fit in a Box"

Anthem "Give Me a Song"

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" **VU#651**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

***Sung Dedication:**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" **VU# 541**

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

God of Abundance, we give thanks for Your faithfulness to us, we give thanks for Your hope in us, and we rejoice in the knowledge of Your unending Love. In the light of Your mercy, and confident in Your Love, we dedicate

these offerings and ourselves to You once more. Take us, renew us, remake us, and send us out into Your world as unexpected gifts of grace for all your people. Amen.

*Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation" **VU#660**

*Blessing (unison):

**May the Word of God live within you,
the Light of Christ shine upon you,
and the Living Spirit meet you
in unexpected moments of Grace. Amen.**

*Extinguishing the Christ Light

*Choral Benediction "Blessing"

Postlude

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Ushers: Jan 28 Marlene & John Feb 4 Valerie B. & John Screens: Jan 28 Tracy Feb 4 Tracy Feb 11 Erik

This Week's Events

Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Club	Kitchen
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall

Mount Royal Announcements:

If there are individuals looking for information about aging in New Brunswick the Pastoral Care Team has a copy of 'Aging in New Brunswick' which contains valuable information with regards to government and community services. This resource is kept in the office and available for use. You can also obtain your own copy by calling 211. The guide is also available online. Website: stu.ca/aging-in-nb

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