

We Come Together

Greeting

The Light of Christ

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the land upon which we live, work, worship and play is the unceded territory of the Wabanaki people; in this area they are they Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. In this season of Epiphany may God's light continue guiding us as we seek reconciliation and healing with all Indigenous siblings.

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Come and see! God's Light is shining brightly.

All: God's light shines in us.

One: When we love beyond what we thought possible,

All: God's light shines in us.

One: When we feed the hungry and give to those in need,

All: God's light shines in us.

One: When we show mercy and compassion,

All: God's light shines in us.

One: Jesus has called us the light of the world,

All: and so we worship in joy, the Love that leads us.

Opening Prayer: (unison)

Gracious God, You call us to live in new ways, working for justice, loving kindness, and journeying with You humbly, each and every day. Help us, loving God! Help us to be Your blessing to the world. Help us to notice Your blessing in the world. Help us to live Your love and to be Your Light for all people. Today. Tomorrow. Always. In Jesus' tender name, we ask these things. Amen.

***Hymn:**

"Let There Be Light"

VU# 679

Personal Prayer: "Lord, Listen to Your..." X 2

VU# 400

(Concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

We want to be Your light, dear God, in all we say and do—to use our gifts and share Your love in the ways You show are true. When fear or anger stop us, from being who we are meant to be, remind us once again, that it's love which sets us free. Amen

***Hymn:**

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

MV# 79

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Reader: Karen

Holy One, in the reading of this Word, open our ears to hear the call of Your Son, the guidance of Your Spirit, and Your law of love written on our hearts. Reveal to us to Your calling and inspire us to offer every good gift You have given towards the building of Your Kingdom here in this place and world. Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 5: 13-20

Response:

One: This is the Word of God,

All: **light of our lives, love for our journey.**

Sermon

"Salt, Light, City on a Hill"

Anthem

"Song of Fellowship"

Prayers of the People

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

Today Jesus looks to his disciples and tells them they are the light of the world and salt of the earth. It is through us that God's Love is reflected into this world. In response, we now offer our gifts of love and light, praying they be taken and used illuminating even the darkest places in our world, our lives, and our community.

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)*

God of Light, we have been illuminated by the glory of Your presence and enlightened by the Word of Your Grace. We see and have become radiant with Your Love. We dedicate ourselves and these gifts for service in the world. May we be beacons of love and justice in a darkened world, Your presence for all to see. Bless these our offerings and as we move within our week may our lives be Your Light in the world. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" **VU# 356**

***Benediction:**

One: You are the light of the world!

All: and we take that light into all places.

One: Places that need the Light and Love of God.

All: Places that need the Light and Grace of Jesus.

One: Places that need the light and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

All: We now journey into the week ahead,

One: as light to the world and salt of the earth.

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

***Choral Benediction** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" **MV#212**

Postlude

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Screen operators for the coming weeks:

Feb 5 Elizabeth **Feb 12** Tracy **Feb 19** Stephen

Ushers for the coming weeks:

Feb 5 Sandra & Gil **Feb 12** Susan R. & John B.

Feb 19 Val B. & John B.

This Week's MRUC Events & News

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	2:00pm	Sparks	Church Hall
	6:30pm	Cubs	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Worship Committee	Board Room
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	6:30pm	Beavers	Church Hall
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	6:30pm	Scouts	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Thursday	1:00pm	Bridge	Church Hall
	6:15pm	Embers	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall

Lunch With Friends: Thurs., Feb. 16th @ noon. Sign up at the back of the church or in the office until Mon., Feb 13th at 1pm! We will only order the actual number of those who have signed up. If you are unable to attend the lunch after signing up, we encourage you to invite someone to take your place. The cost is \$7.00 payable at the lunch. Menu is lasagna, plus dessert, tea and coffee. The program will be a speaker from Hospice Moncton.

Kids Korner: Are you a young person who likes to have fun and learn about the Bible? Join us for children's programming every other week: **Feb:** 12&26 **March:** 12 & 26 **Apr:** 9 & 23. Alternate weeks, explore our kid's korner pew packs in the sanctuary.

Community Events:

Pancake Supper @ Mountain View United Church – Feb 7th from 4:30pm-6:30pm. Pancakes, ham, baked beans, desert, tea & coffee. \$10 adults free for children under 10.

Black History Month: The celebration of February as Black History (or African Heritage) Month begins this week. Officially recognized in Canada since 1996, this is a time to honour the contributions and struggles of peoples of African descent. The United Church of Canada will be posting new blog entries throughout February. Read them here: <https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table>

A Prayer for Hospitality

Where there is cruelty, may I model your kindness.

Where there is despair, may I model your hope.

Where there is anxiety, may I model your comfort.

Where there is loneliness, may I model your presence.

And where there is strife, may I model your peace.

Amen.

(Alydia Smith, from *Parables, Prayers, and Promises* (UCPH))

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.

