

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

***Introit** "Praise the Lord with Sound of Trumpet" **VU#245**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: We come into this ordinary space,

All: searching for the extraordinary—

One: Longing for rest,

All: hoping to find comfort,

One: praying we be blessed.

All: We come into this ordinary space,

One: with our doubts and joys,

All: our laughter and tears,

One: in praise and thanksgiving,

All: yearning that Christ draw near.

One: We come into this ordinary space,

All: as a family of faith,

One: guided by grace.

***Hymn:** "Morning Has Broken" **VU#409**

Opening Prayer: (unison)

Holy One, as we gather for worship this day, each of us arrives from the corners of our lives, seeking a moment of stillness with You. A moment of comfort and light, a moment of challenge and joy, a moment where our searching ends, only to discover You have been beside us all along. May Your Spirit so bless us as we worship and through us may Your love move into this world. As Your children, may we be blessed to be a blessing for others. In the loving name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayer:

“Don’t Be Afraid” X 2
(Concluding with The Lord’s Prayer)

MV#90

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination:

Reader: Melanie F.

Scripture Lesson:

Gospel: Luke 6: 17-26

Response:

One: This is the Living Word,

**All: Light for our living, love for our hearts.
Amen.**

Sermon

Anthem “He’s Always Been Faithful To Me”

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** “In Christ There Is No East or West”

VU#606

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

***Sung Dedication:**

“In Gratitude and Humble Trust”

VU#544

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

Gracious God, bless these gifts we offer today. Through Your Spirit, may these offerings be transformed and, together with us, further the ministry to which You have called us. May all that is given enable Your mission of love and service to flourish in the world. In the tender name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** “May the God of Hope Go with Us”

VU#424

***Blessing:** One: In our hearts and homes,
All: The grace of God.
 One: In our coming and going,
All: The peace of God.
 One: In our life and living,
All: The love of God.
 One: In today and tomorrow,
All: the blessing of God,
 One: that we may be a blessing to others. **Amen.**

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

***Choral Benediction** "Go Now In Peace"

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers:	Feb 16 Ellen & David	Feb 23 Marlene & John. B.
Screens:	Feb 16 Kevin	Feb 23 Erik Mar 2 Tracy

This Week's Calendar

Mon	Family Day – Office closed		
Tues	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
	7:00pm	Church Council	Boardroom
Wed	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Thurs	12:00pm	Lunch with Friends	Church Hall

*Tai Chi with Val is offered Mon, Wed & Fri

**Scouts, Embers, Rumi After School Learning Centre, Church of Pentecost and other groups use the church spaces during*

Announcements:

Women Unite invite you to stay for a United Church 100th Anniversary soup luncheon right after the Sunday service TODAY! *Gluten free? We've got you covered – gluten free soup, bread and desert available. Free will offering.*

Lunch with Friends Feb. 20th at noon: Sign up today at the back of the sanctuary! Cost is \$7 payable at the lunch. **Menu:** Lasagna plus dessert, coffee/tea. **Program:** A Travelogue.

100th Anniversary Service Planning Session: Feb. 24th @ 6:30pm at St. John's United. Anyone interested in helping to plan this June 8th service is invited to attend! Further info: Ask Valerie T. or Gail.

February 4th Council Meeting Minute Highlights:

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you letter from Ensemble for monetary and winter item donations. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** December report and 2025 Draft Budget were shared. Finances continue in a downward trend overall. There was an approx. 24,000 deficit in 2024. Discussion on the current zoning restrictions and how that affects potential usage. **Kindred works**

update: Katja had offered another session to meet in January. Since this offer was made, Katja notified that she will be leaving her position with Kindred Works. Discussion about the positive experience that was had through past meetings. **100 Year**

Anniversary Celebration: "What is Mount Royal doing to celebrate?". From now until the Anniversary there will be a monthly "100 Years" event or activity at Mount Royal. If joint service goes ahead, congregation encouraged to participate. Monthly events are: Feb – Baden Powell Sunday; Mar – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper; Apr– Kids Korner United Church History Lesson; May – 100 Pancake Breakfast (with possible food drive); June – potential collaborative service, possible concert. 100th

Anniversary content will be added into Sunday services. Banner will be ordered. **Regional Updates/Survey:** Communities of Faith Survey of the FSLDW Regional Council Governance Model and interactions with Regional Council discussed. **Website:** New website almost ready to go live. Issue with livestream loading.

Annual Meeting Date: March 23rd 2025, snow date of March 30th 2025. Dates in the bulletin/slides/email beginning March 2nd. The 2024 Annual Report emailed out on Mar 7th 2025, print copies can be requested. **Choir Loft Speakers:** Beneficial if choir loft speakers were upgraded. Speakers will be tested and potential options/costs shared.

DAILY STRENGTH

If in starting out the day
Things have gone from bad to worse,
Here is one solution
That I've written in this verse.
Just solve the problems of the moment
Don't go racing on ahead,
Anxious for tomorrow
Burdened with a nameless dread.
Daily strength is what we're given;
It will get us through each hour,
Trust in God and share with others
How to tap this source of power.

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