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

"We Praise You, O God"

**VU# 218** 

**Light of Christ** 

**Land Acknowledgement** 

**Announcements** 

Call to Worship:

One: God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

All: the courageous and the fearful,

One: the hungry and the hopeful,

All: the impatient and the reserved.
One: God welcomes the young and the old,

All: the prophets and the poets,

One: the faithful and the tired,

All: the curious and questioning.

One: Wherever you are in this journey of life,

All: wherever your path has led you,

One: there is room for all to gather,

All: there is room for all to worship.

**Opening Prayer:** (unison)

Holy One, as we enter into worship this day, we boldly claim the promise of Christ: that where two or three are gathered in Your name, the Light of the world gathers with us. With Christ among us then, we embrace the strength of Your Love, we see You in the faces of friend and stranger alike, and we believe through You, anything becomes possible. Free us now to be a people renewed by the One who came from Light to Life, that we might live lives held within Your Grace. Amen.

\*Hymn: "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love" **VU#574** 

**Personal Prayer:** "Kum Ba Yah" (someone's laughing, praying, singing) followed by our family prayer.

# **Children's Learning Time**

# **Children's Prayer:**

Thank you, God, for loving us in every time and place. Your gifts of joy, and peace, and light, are offered through Your grace. Jesus shows us to share, so we must do our part. So that all the world may know Your love, deep within there hearts. Amen.

\*Hymn: "Dance with the Spirit" x3(walk, move, sing) MV# 156

# We Listen to the Word

# **Prayer for Illumination**

# **Scripture Lessons:**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12: 14-27

Gospel: Matthew 25: 34-40

Response:

One: As Jesus calls to Peter,

All: may we too hear and follow. Amen.

**Sermon** "Baden-Powell"

**Anthem** "Jesus I Love You" By: Joe Avery

**Prayers of the People** 

\*Hymn: "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning" VU#578

# 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 of creation! We offer our gifts to You this day in grateful thanksgiving for calling us to follow. Keep us close to one another, that we might help and be helped along the way. As our offering is received, we also renew our desire to walk where You lead us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

\*Hymn: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" VU#575

\*Commissioning: (Adapted from Baden-Powell)

One: Loving God, as we move from this place may Your Spirit

guide us to be:

All: Trustworthy, for there are those who trust us.

Loyal, for in loyalty we reach our highest ideals. Friendly, for there are so many who need a friend.

Polite, for politeness is the carpet of life's floor.

Kind, for kindness creates kindness.

Cheerful, for cheerfulness is the green grass of life.

Prudent, for wisdom brightens our future. Amen.

# \*Extinguishing of the Lenten Light

\*Choral Benediction "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

#### **Postlude**

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### This Week's Volunteers

Ushers: Feb 25 Bill & John

**Screens:** Feb 25 Kevin Mar 3 Erik Mar 10 Tracy

#### This Week's Events:

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Worship Meeting	Boardroom
Tuesday	10:00am	Chat & Craft Club	Kitchen
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall

# **Mount Royal Announcements:**

**Notice of Annual Meeting: Mount Royal United's Church Annual Meeting** will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. The 2023 Annual Report will be emailed out by March 8<sup>th</sup>. If you would like a printed hard copy of the report, please contact the office. Printed copies of the financials and the nominating report will be available for all attendees at

the meeting.

# **Local Church Events:**

"Greater Still" Music event March  $10^{\text{th}}$  @ 2pm at Holy Family Church. Tickets \$10. This gospel music event is presented by the Holy Family Seniors Club and tickets can be purchased at the door or from Annie Thomas.