

65th Anniversary Celebration Worship

May 5th, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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** "Joy Comes with the Dawn"

VU#166

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: In Peter and Thomas,

All: God's love was shown.

One: Through Martha and Mary,

All: Christ's peace had grown.

One: With Moses and Elijah,

All: God's Spirit moved free,

One: and we are part of that community.

All: All are welcome in this place,

One: and so, we gather in this space,

All: to celebrate, to sing, and to lift our voice,

One: with God among us we rejoice!

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

God of our hearts, together as Your community of faith, we enter this time of worship in celebration of our shared ministry over the last sixty-five years. Together, we have joined at table, baptised in Your name, reached out to the broken and the breaking, and have come to know Your grace. May the light of the Spirit to continue guiding us and enabling to be Your Body here in this world. In Jesus' loving name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"

VU#395

Personal Prayer: "Open Our Hearts" x2

MV#21

(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Rev. Catherine Stuart

Children's Prayer: Thank You, God, for Singing!

***Hymn:** "Draw the Circle Wide" **MV#145**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination: **Reader: Nancy**

Scripture Lesson:

Old Testament: Micah 6:8

Epistle: Philippians 1: 3-5; 9-10a

Gospel: Matthew 22:35-40

Response:

One: This is the Word of God,

All: **love for our living, light for our path. Amen.**

Anthem "Speak, O Lord"

Sermon "Celebrate in Hope" *Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Stevenson*

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** "Come to My Heart" **VU#661**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

***Sung Dedication:**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

VU#543 vs. 1

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Holy One, along with this offering we dedicate ourselves and the continued ministry of this community to You as light for this world. Accept these gifts from our hands and hearts, along with our prayer that they accomplish not what we will, but rather what You intend. Take and multiply beyond measure, all we offer for Your Kingdom this day. In the loving name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "One More Step Along the World I Go" **VU#639**

***Blessing:**

One: We go out into this day,

All: as a faith family.

One: We go out into this day,

All: as God's beloved children.

One: We go out into this day,

All: blessed to be a blessing for others. Amen!

***The Light of Jesus— Ever Present, Ever Bright**

***Choral Benediction "Blessing"**

Postlude

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This Week's Volunteers

***Ushers:* May 5 Annie T. & John May 12 Marlene & John**

May 19 Howard E. & John

***Screens:* May 5 Erik May 12 Tracy May 19 Kevin**

Calendar: May 6th - May 12th

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

Announcements:

Grocery Gift Cards are available! Please contact the office at 855-5771 or office@mountroyaluc.ca (or simply stop by during open office hours) to purchase one today!

Do you enjoy public speaking? Would you like to contribute to the enrichment of the Sunday service by being a Scripture reader? Please contact Tracy Parrott at 506-854-2915

Lunch with Friends: Our final lunch for this season will be held on May 16th @ noon. Please sign up at the back of the church or by calling the office by May 13th. Cost is \$7 payable at the lunch. See you at this fun and delicious event!