



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."

Oct 29th, 2023

*Indicates Standing

Congregational responses in bold.

We Come Together

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

Introit "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

VU#213

Greeting

Lighting the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement:

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: As we gather, we remember that we are not alone,

All: we gather in worship with our saints.

One: Those who cared for us,

All: those who loved us,

One: those who showed us God's Grace,

All: and opened for us the great possibilities of life.

One: Today we remember and gather with our saints,

All: who welcome us and join us in worship.

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Transforming God, we praise You for taking us, imperfect ordinary people, and gifting us with Your Love. Through Your Spirit, we are then called to reflect that Love back into the world. We thank You for Your Grace that is not yet finished with us, and for all the saints who have entered our lives offering us Your Love. Be with us in this time of worship, as we give thanks for the lives of the saints of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. In the name of our great friend Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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

Invitation of our Saints: *(The response after each prayer is "Come and surround me, come and surround me.")*

One: Creator God who loves me,

All: Come and surround me, come and surround me.

One: Sustaining Son who sought me,

All: Come and surround me, come and surround me.

One: Guiding Spirit who taught me,

All: Come and surround me, come and surround me.

One: Helen Ellis of God,

All: come and surround me, come and surround me.
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Peter Linney of God,

All: come and surround me, come and surround me.
(Lighting of the candle)

One: June Oke of God,

All: come and surround me, come and surround me.
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Al Burgess of God,

All: come and surround me, come and surround me.
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Lois Wardrop of God,

All: come and surround me, come and surround me.
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Harold (Robbie) Robinson of God,

All: come and surround me, come and surround me.
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Sheldon Nicholson of God,

All: come and surround me, come and surround me.
(Lighting of the candle)

We Listen to the Word

Children's Time

Children's Time Prayer: (repeat after me)

Thank you God, for all the ways Your Spirit is made known. Through people, places, lives, creation, they are all your very own. The light of Christ shines brightly, in every one of us, too. So help us to share that light with the world in all that we say and do. Amen.

***Hymn:** "I Am the Dream"

MV# 106

Prayer for Understanding:

Reader: Tracy

Scripture Lesson:

Revelation 7: 9-17

Matthew 5: 1-12

Response:

One: This is God's Living Word,

All: moving in us and through us.

Sermon "Who is a Saint"

Anthem "River John Sunset Waltz" **offered by: Eleanor N.**

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn:** "How Firm a Foundation"

VU# 660

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Sung Dedication:

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

VU#541

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Holy One, thank You for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us as we worship. Their diversity reminds us of Your infinite Grace within all creation. Thank you for the vision of a world at peace: paradise restored, where no one hungers, no one thirsts, and no one is left wanting. May the gifts of our hearts and hands be taken, blessed, and used

**for the healing of Your children. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

***Hymn:** "Walk with Me"

VU# 649

Benediction (unison):

One: Go with God's blessing,

All: God's Love surrounds us.

One: Go with God's blessing,

All: Christ's Joy lifts us.

One: Go with God's blessing,

All: The Spirit's Hope nurtures us.

One: Go with God blessing:

All: we go in peace to love and serve the world. Amen.

Extinguishing of the Christ Light

***Choral Benediction** "May God's Sheltering Wings" **MV#214**

Postlude

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This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:30am	Halloween Party	Church Hall
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	12:30pm	Writers Circle	Boardroom
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Saturday	8:00am	Pancake Breakfast	Church Hall

Mount Royal Announcements:

Halloween Muffin & Coffee Event! Oct 31st from 9:30am - 11:30am!
Join us for this fun, social, good will offering event - we'd love to see you
and catch up over some delicious goodies!

Pancake Breakfast - November 4th @ 8:30am – 11:30am

Please join us for the most delicious fundraiser of the year!!! \$10 per person or \$35 for a family. Donations are also gratefully accepted!

Writer's Circle meet in the first Wed of the month from 12:30-2pm. Next meeting is Nov. 1st. Anyone interested in writing, or the writing process is invited and welcome to join. Participants share anything they are working on. Feel free to just stop in!

Please note that Rev. Scott Stuart is on study leave next week on Nov 2 & 3rd and therefore out of the office.

1st Jones Lake Scouting: Try your first 2 meetings for FREE! ALL Youth Ages 5 - 17 are welcome! Programs Offered: • Beavers (Ages 5 – 7) • Cubs (Ages 8 – 10) • Scouts (Ages 11 – 14) • Venturers (Ages 14 – 17) For more information call / text Daniel @ 864-0028

Bulletin Dedications: If you would like to dedicate a bulletin in memory of a loved one or to say thanks or in recognition of a special occasion (eg - birthday, anniversary, graduation...) please contact the office. \$25 is the suggested donation.

Food Donations: We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Alimentaire Peter McKee food bank. Please bring your donations and leave them in the bin at the Bessborough door.

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