



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."

July 12th ,2020

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)*

Greeting: Good morning everyone and welcome, welcome to worship in the name of Christ who join us here in our online spaces and in our individual homes and lives.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Declaration: And as we open our worship this morning we embrace the national call to truth and reconciliation, let us pause to acknowledge that the lands upon which we live, work and worship are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki people - in this region, predominantly the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with all its people.

Announcements

Hymn: MV# 12 "Come Touch Our Hearts"

Opening Prayer *(in unison)*

Gracious God, you knew the rules and you broke them. You broke them to reach out to us in love, you broke

them to heal and to hold, you broke them to remind us that we are your children and you are our God. Help us in this moment of worship to be drawn back into your love, a love that reaches out beyond all limits and expectations, a love that is our beginning, our source and our guide in this world. Amen.

Personal Prayer "Come and Fill Our Hearts" x2 **MV#16**
(concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

We Listen to the Word

Learning Time Story

Learning Time Lesson

Learning Time Prayer (Unison)

Loving God, thank you for being with us in this moment and in every moment of our lives. As we walk with you help us to set our focus on those things that promote your love and well being to all. Challenge us and guide us to love as you would love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: MV# 89 "Love is The Touch"

Prayer for Understanding Reader: Esther Mah

Loving and Gracious God, as we approach your Word, allow your Spirit to be ever present among us granting us the gift of wisdom; that we may see beyond these words into the heart of your vision for us and your world. **Amen.**

Readings: Luke 13: 10-17 (Jesus heals)

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

All: Praise be to you our Lord Jesus.

Sermon "Once Upon a Time"

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Loving God, today we offer these gifts in response to your love; a love that encircles us and holds us, a love that embraces and moves with us. Take these offerings of love, bless them, and use them for the good of your church and the good of your children. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: VU# 375 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Prayers of the People

Blessing

The love of God be over us to shelter us,
under us to uphold us,
about us to protect us,
behind us to direct us
and ever with us to save us. Amen.

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

Postlude