



# 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."

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**October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Congregational responses in bold.

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## **We Come Together**

**Prelude**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Arr. E. Daub

**Greeting**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: God calls us to worship this day,

**All: as part of creation, joining together.**

One: Jesus calls us to worship this day,

**All: as part of the body, joining together.**

One: The Spirit calls us to worship this day,

**All: as part of the whisper, joining together.**

One: As we worship, we join together,

**All: loving God, following Jesus, listening for the Spirit!**

**Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)

**Tender God, as we step now from our time into your time, from our rhythms into your worship our souls cry out as Bartimaeus once did, "Son of David" only to find that you have been with us all along. As we worship, we pray that you would open our ears that we may hear your voice, open our lips that we may proclaim your praise, and open our hearts that we may love as you love both our neighbour and our world. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Hymn:** "Spirit Open My Heart" **MV#79**

**Personal Prayer:** "O God We Call" **VU#411**

*(concluded as we pray together our family prayer)*

**We Listen to the Word**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

***Nora Lynn Dignard***

*daughter of*

*Timothy & Michaela Dignard*

**Statement of Purpose:**

One: Beloved of God, let us celebrate God's gift of grace given to us in baptism,

**All: There is one body and one Spirit;  
we have one hope in Christ.**

One: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

**All: Out of the water of baptism we rise with new life,  
renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ's  
body.**

**Questions to the Parents/God Parent(s):**

Michaela and Timothy, you have brought your daughter Nora for baptism into Christ's church and so as we prepare to do so I ask you the following questions:

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

If so answer, **I do by the grace of God.**

Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ, resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice, and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

If so answer, **I will God being my helper.**

Will you share your faith with Nora, growing with her in faith, hope and love? If so answer, **I will God being my helper.**

Will you encourage Nora to seek confirmation, so that being strengthened in faith by the Holy Spirit and nurtured at the Table of the Lord; she may go forth to serve God faithfully in the world?

If so answer, **I will, God being my helper**

**Commitment of Congregation:** (please stand)

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations, and to offer God's gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to this child in prayer who is about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

If so answer, **We do by the grace of God.**

**Blessing of Water/Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Let us pray: Gracious and Holy God, we bless You for the gift of life, and within it, the gift of water. Over its unshaped promise Your Spirit hovered over it at creation. By water, comes growth of the earth. Through water, You led the children of Israel to freedom. In the waters of the Jordan, Your child, Jesus, was baptized. Now may Your Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this water may be a sign for all new life in Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

**Baptism:**

Nora, we now baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and we mark you with the sign of the cross to proclaim to all here gathered that you are God's own now and forever.

I declare to all here present and joining with us online that Nora has been received into the holy catholic church, the church universal, the Body of Christ here in this world.

### **Presentation of Candle, Certificate and Bible:**

On behalf of the Mount Royal Community of Faith we give you this candle as a reminder of Jesus, the light of our world, this certificate declaring to all that Nora is today a member of the church universal and this bible from UCW of Mount Royal praying that the Word would continually speak to her throughout her life.

### **Blessing:**

One: And now let us all join together in our blessing for Nora.

**All: May God bless you and keep you, may God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May God lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.**

**Hymn:** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" **VU#444**

**Prayer for Understanding** **Reader:** Lee Wilson

One: Holy One, open our hearts to your Holy Word.

**All: Help us hear your voice in the words we hear and in the silence that lies between them. Amen.**

### **Scripture Reading: Mark 10: 46-52**

One: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**All: Thanks be to you our Lord Jesus**

**Sermon** "Letting Go and Living Free"

**Anthem** "The Potter's Hand" Choral setting by L. Larson

### **We Respond to the Word**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

As the gift of water is shared so lavishly through baptism, we pause to share the gifts of time, talent, and treasure. This pause invites us to truly offer all that we are and all that we have to the God who loves us beyond our knowing and understanding.

**Offertory Prayer (unison):**

**Mysterious God, you offer gifts and blessings that overflow before us. Let our prayers of thanks equally overflow, calling us to share all that we have with others. Let these same prayers transform our thoughts and actions, that all we say and do might echo your love for all of creation. For the sake of Jesus, we offer this prayer. Amen.**

**Hymn: "Christ Has No Body Now but Yours" MV#171**

**Prayers of the People**

**Closing Blessing (unison):**

**May the Grace of God, wider than our imagination.  
The strength of Christ, stronger than our need -  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
deeper than our divisions  
be with you now and always. Amen.**

**Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

**Postlude**

Bachiano by G. Young  
Jesus Loves the Little Children Arr. M. Hayes

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**Screen operators for the coming weeks:**

**Oct 24** – Erik, **Oct 31** – Debbie, **Nov 7** – Esther, **Nov 14** – Elizabeth

**Sound/Prompter operators for the coming weeks:**

**Oct 24** – Stephen, **Oct 31** – Tracy, **Nov 7** – Stephen, **Nov 14** – Tracy

**This Weeks Events**

<b>Monday</b>	7:30pm	Visioning Comm	By Teams
<b>Wednesday</b>	7pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary



**Thank you** to Mike Day for his music and music direction contributions the past few weeks.



**COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you notes were received from AST, St George’s Anglican Church and the Peter McKee Community Food Centre for our contributions to their programs.

**FINANCIAL REPORT: the Finance Report for the 9 months ended September 30, 2021** was presented by the treasurer which shows a current operating deficit of (\$32,812) compared to (\$22,162) last year before the CEWS wage subsidy. Government wage subsidy (CEWS), of \$22,713 has been received during the year to assist with salaries and has reduced the current year deficit to (\$10,099). The CEWS subsidy program, which has helped to offset reduced fund raising over the past year, will end on October 23 unless extended by the Federal government. It is hoped that the current year deficit will be eliminated by December 31 with special givings of Thanksgiving and Christmas, the grocery card fund raising as well as regular envelope givings.

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:** the boiler was turned on as temperatures start to drop. A handicapped sign has been ordered for the main parking lot.

**COMMUNICATION:** services, obituaries and other requests are posted to the FB page. Scott requested to be given permission to post relevant items on FB.

Virtual Voices is recorded weekly.

**ADHOC VISIONING COMMITTEE:** the committee meets frequently.

**SYSTEMS COMMITTEE:** the number of home views increased by roughly the same amount as those who would normally attend in person while the sanctuary has been closed to in-person worship.

**MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL:** All staff reviews will be conducted in the coming month.

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE:** October 24 is an infant Baptism, and October 31 is the All Saints Sunday in the form of a Taizé service. Everyone enjoyed seeing the videos of the children on Thanksgiving.

**FUNDRAISING/ TRUSTEES:** insurance costs will increase again this year. The gift card fundraiser has concluded. There was a profit of \$700. Another \$30,000 will be purchased in December.

**CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** recommended that the plan of administration description of Christian development be reviewed and updated to include all ages.

**COVID related discussion:** with baptism and unvaccinated children present the GNB requirements for other than 100% fully vaccinated will be followed for the October 24<sup>th</sup> service.