



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."

September 19th, 2021

Congregational responses in bold

We Come Together

Prelude

Greeting

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Open our mouths, O God,

All: Make us bold in proclaiming your Love.

One: Open our minds, O God,

All: Help us to grow together in faith.

One: Open our hearts, O God,

All: Transform us by your love.

One: Open our lives, O God,

All: Allow us to be embraced by your grace as we worship you together!

Opening Prayer (*in unison*)

Gracious God, today we come together as your people. We come as a praising people, singing of your goodness. We come as a praying people, bringing our needs, joys, and sorrows. We come as a listening people, opening ourselves to your Word and your presence here among us. Fill us with your love and a sense of your Spirit working with us and through us this morning. In the name of your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: "We Are One" **VU#402**

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

(concluded as we pray together our family prayer)

We Listen to the Word

Learning Time Lesson

Learning Time Prayer:

Thank you, God, for who we are, for all the ways we feel. When we are scared or hurt or shy, remind us that your Spirit is real. Jesus shows us your heart, loving God, that we know is true. Help us to share our hearts with your world in all we say and do. Amen

Hymn: "Jesus, Friend of Little Children" **VU#340**

Prayer for Understanding **Reader:** Susan Fowler

Scripture Reading: Mark 9: 30-37

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus, the Christ

All: Praise be to you our Lord Jesus.

Sermon "Hope, Healing and Wholeness"

Anthem "When the Planets are Aligned" Mark Blakney

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer (unison):

God of all life, we offer ourselves to your service. We lift before you these gifts of our time, our talents, our labor and treasure; all of which have first come to us by your blessing. Receive us as we are and use us for your ministry. May these gifts become for others, signs of your grace in this world. Amen.

Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation" **VU#227**

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Blessing (unison):

**May the mercy of God ground us,
The love of Jesus take root in us,
And the Holy Spirit grow in us,
Now and in our week ahead. Amen.**

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

Postlude

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Screen operators for the coming weeks:

Sep 19 – Elizabeth, Sep 26 – Esther, Oct 3 – Debbie, Oct 10 – Erik

Sound/Prompter operators for the coming weeks:

Sep 19 – Tracy, Sep 26 – Stephen, Oct 3 – Tracy, Oct 10 – Stephen

This Weeks Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	1:00pm	Art Club	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Church Council	Church Hall
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir practice	Sanctuary
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Saturday	10am	Tai Chi	Church Hall