



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 3rd, 2022 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Congregational responses in bold. (*) Indicates Standing.

We Come Together

Prelude

Greeting

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Minute for Mission

Call to Worship:

One: The music is playing, and Christ is here.

All: We have come to sing and praise our God.

One: Prayers are flowing, and the Spirit is moving.

All: Breathe on us, breath of God.

One: Christ promises rest and renewal, as we come to Him,

All: and here we are, trusting in that sacred promise, resting in Christ who is arounds us.

One: As we feel the warmth of summer in sweet music and the sacred promise of rest,

All: Let us worship God together!

Opening Prayer: *(unison)*

Creator God, You have made us to walk with You, in relationship and in peace. Help us in this time of worship to listen to Your rhythm of life that is present in all creation. Allow us the grace of finding you in the unexpected, where we may never have thought to look; but still, You are there

tending to all creation. As we come this day, bless us with Your grace and peace, that we may find renewal that allows us to serve with confidence and in joy. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" **VU#371**

Personal Prayer: "Cradle Me in Your Arms" **MV#91**
(concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Thank you, God, for being in places that we might not always look. In people, in places, in actions, in words, not just on pages in a book. Help us to look for you carefully so that we do not miss You with us. For Jesus and your Spirit are found in strangers, in friends, and within us. Amen.

***Hymn:** "River Running in You and Me" **MV#163**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Understanding **Reader:** France Henriques

Scripture Lessons: 2 Kings 5: 1-14

One: This is God's Word.

All: Light for our journey, nourishment for our souls.

Sermon "What Do You Hear?"

Anthem "We Are the Hands of Christ"

Prayers of the People

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

We come to Christ gladly offering our gifts, not as a burden, but as an opportunity extending rest to the weary, comfort to the broken hearted and renewal to those who yearn to know God's love in all facets of living.

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*) -3-

Receive these gifts we bring now, O God, and bless them as they find their way out into Your world. Through our giving, renew others, that they too may know the comfort and rest of living in the arms of Your compassion and Your love. Through these gifts, open our eyes to see Your presence in all who might receive them, especially those in whom we least expect to find You. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" **VU#684**

Blessing:

One: As we listen deeply for the presence of God working in all corners of this world and in all corners of our living:

All: **May the love of God surround you, the friendship of Christ walk beside you, and the light of the Holy Spirit live in you, this day and in the week to come. Amen.**

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Postlude

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Sound/Prompter operators for the coming weeks:

July 3 Stephen, **July 10** Tracy, **July 17** Stephen, **July 24** Tracy

This Week's Events -4-

Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Lawn or Kitchen
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Announcements

"I Wonder" Box - Do you wonder why something is in the Bible? How to put faith into action? Do you have an idea or dream to share? There is now an "I Wonder" box at the back of the church for those burning questions, bright ideas or unsolved mysteries. Simply write it down on a slip of paper and place it in the box.

Church Council Highlights: CORRESPONDENCE: We received a request from St Emmanuel Orphanage School in Uganda for donations to their well drilling project. A donation of \$200 will be sent. A reminder to order church offering envelopes was received. It was decided to move to a monthly envelope rather than weekly.

UCW/CRAFT GROUP: 11 people attended Craft Group. A wild time was had by all. **FUNDRAISING/ TRUSTEES:** Another batch of grocery cards will be purchased in the fall. Hopefully, if Covid numbers remain low, a rummage sale can be planned for the fall as well as a pancake breakfast and perhaps a chili cook-off. An appraisal on the property will be done this summer. It was suggested that early in September a calendar of events be made to ensure all of the suggested events happen without overlapping.

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Rev Catherine Stuart offered to assist with evaluating the BLAST curriculum. A movie night is planned for July 29 (Julie and Julia). It will be in the church basement. **COVID related discussion:** It was suggested that we loosen the masking requirements by asking people to wear a mask when they enter the church and allowing them to remove once they are seated. We will ask that they put masks on when singing and if they sit next to someone to be sure and ask if they are

comfortable with them not wearing a mask. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

BBQ – there is a neighbourhood welcoming BBQ planned for Sep 18 after church with a rain date of Sep 25. It is intended to be an outdoor activity serving hot dogs, cold drinks and cookies. **Energy Audit** - PMC was engaged to provide an Energy Feasibility Study. They suggested 14 energy conservation measures that we are looking at. The United Church of Canada offers a grant program called Faithful Footprints which offers up to 66% of the cost of approved projects to a maximum of \$20,000 and can only be applied for once. NB Power offers a 25% grant for projects that provide energy conservation. These two programs combined will allow us to undertake the flat roof replacement over the office, replacing the light fixtures in the building with LED lighting, sealing the annular space where the brick wall meets the roof in the sanctuary and installing a mini-split heats pump for the office area and board room. The total cost of these four projects would be \$69,600 with a net cost after grants and reserve funding of \$31,060. **Rental Agreement** – the existing fee structure for our rental agreement has not been updated since 2011 and should be revised. In addition to the amount charged for the minister, organist, soloist and custodian there needs to be a fee structure in place for the tech services of sound, live-streaming and recording of services. There should be a basic amount charged with add-ons for extra services provided. CRA requires everyone (members and non-members) to be charged the same amount and that funds paid to individuals (minister, organist, etc) are supposed to be paid to them through ADP so that any extra earnings will be part of their taxable income. Comparing to other tech providers \$35-75/hour per crew member would be a reasonable rate to charge for tech services. **Visioning** – some of the Visioning initiatives - painting the games on the parking lot, and the fall welcoming BBQ.