



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."

March 6th, 2022 – Lent 1

Congregational responses in bold.

We Come Together

Prelude...

Greeting

Lenten Lights

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Come and worship God, who is making all things new.

All: God has said, "I am the bread of life".

One: God has said, "I am the light of the world".

All: God has said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life".

One: And so, on this Lenten road,

All: we are fed, we are guided, and we are transformed,

One: as we edge our way, toward the new life of Easter.

Opening Prayer: (*unison*) God of love and light, we have traveled through the growing excitement of Advent, the season of waiting. We have walked in the hope of Christmas, the season of birth and brightness, and we have followed the light the wise ones once followed through the season of Epiphany. Today, as we begin a new journey, we look inward, only to discover your Spirit once again leading us. Bless this time of reflection, bless our growing in faith, and bless our journey with Jesus, as we walk side by side with your Son our Saviour, Amen.

Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

VU#375

Prayer of Confession: *(Unison)*

Gracious God, as we gather before you, we confess that, all too often, we look to heaven for glimpses of grace, moments of mercy, and justice for a bruised and breaking world; all the while forgetting that you have named us as light for this world and bearers of your grace. For moments we have strayed from the road, neglecting your ministry, forgive us. In what we have done and what we have left undone, forgive us. In our careless words, offered in disregard absent of doubt, forgive us. Grant us the courage to once again take up the road to which you call.

(Silence – Personal Confession)

Assurance: Friends, know that there is nothing that can ever keep us from the love of God. In our brokenness God mends, in our hurt God heals, and through grace, God continues to call us beloved. We are a loved people, and that love sets us free. **Amen.**

We Listen to the Word

Children's Time

Children's Time Prayer: At the beginning of the path, dear God, let your voice be our guide, that we might hear it louder and clearer than any other voice outside. When we have a choice to make, let love be what we choose, so when we doubt or sometimes forget, we know that we follow you. Help us, like you did Jesus, to stand up for what we know: That your love follows this path with us, with wisdom for wherever we go. Amen.

Hymn: "When We Are Tested"

MV#65

Prayer for Understanding

Reader: Marlene MacLeod

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4: 1-13

One: This is the Word of God spoken through the Gospel.

All: Bless this Word in our lives and through our living.

Sermon "Keeping It on the Road"

Anthem "What Wondrous Love Is This?"

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering: As Jesus once did, we begin this new season on a road unsure of where it may lead. However, through the great grace of God we are not alone on this journey. Jesus joins us, our guide, our light, our life. In response to this great gift, we now offer ours. These are the gifts of our hearts given to the people, communities, and world you love beyond measure.

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)* **Here, in these offerings, O God, we present to you the fruits of our labours, the gifts of our hearts, and the commitment of our calling as disciples of your Son. Bless what we offer and help us, in new and ever-broadening ways, to follow where your Son may call and lead. Along with our gifts this day we also bring items of great need in our community. We pray for your blessing on these gifts and on those who receive them. May they warm, comfort and allow your love to be known by each of your beloved, Amen.**

Hymn: "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert" **VU#115**

Blessing: *(unison)* **We go out now into this Lenten journey with the blessing of God surrounding us
the care of the spirit enfolding us
and the light of Jesus guiding and walking beside us
this and every day, Amen.**

Extinguishing the Lenten Lights

Postlude

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This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	11:30am	Pastoral Care	Boardroom
	6:30pm	Cubs	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Worship Comm	Boardroom
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	1:00pm	Art Club	Church Hall
	6:30pm	Beavers	Church Hall
	7-9pm	Visioning Committee	Sanctuary
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Thursday	6:15pm	Brownies	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Saturday	10-12pm	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Sunday	6:30-8pm	Girl Guides	Church Hall

