



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."

May 1st, 2022 – Third Sunday of Easter

Congregational responses in bold.

We Come Together

Prelude

Greeting

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: Light of the world. **All: Love of our hearts.**

One: Peace of our living. **All: Grace in our growing.**

One: Light of all lights,

All: within the faces of our faith....

One: *(lighting our Christ light – Valerie Tremble)*

One: Light of our world enlightening our living!

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: In the faces of Deborah and Lydia,

All: God's love shined through.

One: In the faces of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednago,

All: Christ's peace was known.

One: In the faces of Jonah and Anna,

All: The Spirit moved free.

One: In the faces of our faith: our friends, and neighbours,

All: loved ones and strangers,

One: God finds us and loves us, assures us, and guides us,

All: through the faces that surround us,

One: God works in us and through us, as we worship together!

Opening Prayer: (*unison*) -2-

Loving God, Creator, and keeper of all life, we praise You this day. In each opening bud, in each blossoming tree, You invite us to experience Your presence and to find ourselves as part of all life. You, our maker, nourish us with beauty and living words of wisdom. We are born from You, and in You, we live and move and grow as children of Your grace. Draw us closer to the rhythm of Your heartbeat, the sound of all love resonating throughout creation, in one another, and within ourselves. In Jesus' name, light of our world, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: Let My Spirit Always Sing **MV#83**

Personal Prayer "Open Our Hearts" **MV#21**
(concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

The Sacrament of Baptism

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 waters of baptism we rise with new life,
renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ's
body.**

Questions to the Parents/God Parent(s):

Rebecca and Matthew, you have brought your son Tate Liam Thorne for baptism into Christ's church. 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.**

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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 Tate, growing with him in faith, hope and love?

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

Will you encourage Tate to seek confirmation, so that being strengthened in faith by the Holy Spirit and nurtured at the Table of our friend Jesus; he may go on to serve God faithfully throughout his life?

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 who is about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ and in the fellowship of this community?

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: Tate, I now baptize you in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit and I mark you with the sign of the cross to proclaim to all here gathered that you are God's own, God's dream before you were born, God's gift to the world now and forever.

I now declare to all here present and to those joining us online that Tate 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 Tate has today become a member of the church universal, and this Bible from UCW of Mount Royal, praying that God's Word would continually speak throughout Tate's life.

Blessing: One: And now let us together offer a blessing for Tate.

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: A Little Child the Saviour Came **VU#445**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Reader: Karen Hudson

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2: 21-38

One: This is the Good News of God's love,

All: shown to us through the face of Anna.

Sermon "Who are your Anna's"

Anthem "Bless This House"

Prayers of the People

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

We enter into this time of offering knowing, deep within our own being, that the Anna's of this world tend to us. We make our offerings this day with the sincere desire that those offerings be used to tend to the needs of others in body, mind, and spirit, just as she once did.

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*) -5-

Generous God, You invite us to freely give of our resources for the sake of the world You so love and call us to give freely of our very selves as well. We pray You accept these, our gifts, as a sign of our love for You, our faith in You, and our commitment to You. Bless our offerings and allow them to reach out, beyond the limits of our imaginations, that Your love, Your strength, and Your hope rest in the hearts of Your children. Amen.

Hymn: God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace **VU#676**

Blessing: (*unison*) **May the love of God surround you, the grace of Christ attend you, and the Holy Spirit keep you, now and forevermore. Amen.**

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Postlude

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May 1 Elizabeth, **May 8** Erik, **May 15** Debbie, **May 22** Esther

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May 1 Tracy **May 8** Tracy, **May 15** Stephen **May 22** Stephen

There will be a **worship committee** meeting Monday at 7pm.

The **Writers Circle** will meet Wednesday at 1pm.

This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Worship Committee	Boardroom
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	1:00pm	Art Club	Church Hall
	6:30pm	Beavers	Outside
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	1:00pm	Writers Circle	Boardroom
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	6:15pm	Brownies	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Saturday	10:00am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Sunday	6:30-8pm	Girl Guides	Church Hall