



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 8th, 2022 – Fourth 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 – Susan*)

One: Light of our world enlightening our living!

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Minute for Mission and Service

Call to Worship:

One: Between the words,

All: within the silence,

One: the Spirit of God calls.

All: Among the broken and the breaking,

One: the doubters and the dreamers,

All: the Spirit of God Calls.

One: In our Joy and celebrations,

All: enfolding our lives in great jubilations,

One: The Spirit of God Calls us to worship!

Opening Prayer: *(unison)* **Holy One, as we gather in worship and praise this day, Your Spirit calls and we pray for ears to listen. As it was with Your child Lydia, allow our hearts to be open to your call. Remind us, that just as You walked with Your early disciples, You also walk with us now. Today, let Your call reach deeply into our being, filling our hearts with joy, the light of Your life and ever-present compassion as we continue building Your Kingdom, in this community and world. Amen.**

Hymn: "Let Us Build a House" **MV#1**

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

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer: Open our hearts to Your love, dear God, in all we say and do. Give us courage to hear Your voice, to do what we know to be true. Sometimes it's hard to hear Your voice, but You continue to call—help us to change Your world through our living, a place that welcomes us all. **Amen.**

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

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Understanding **Reader:** Caroline Gingles

Scripture Lesson: Acts 16: 9-15, 40

One: May the Spirit speak to us through this reading,

All: **and our hearts open to God's call.**

Sermon "With an Open Heart"

Anthem "Into My Heart" by Harry D. Clarke

Prayers of the People

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering: We are blessed by the God of wonder and love to be a blessing for others. As we make our offerings this day let us commit ourselves anew to acts of love,

compassion, and justice, as we continue answering God's call and building God's Kingdom here in this community and in our world.

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)*

Loving God, Creator and Sustainer, enable these gifts given in love to open hearts, and be brought to life through the power of your creative Spirit. Multiply and use them to bring light into darkness, love to indifference and comfort to those living on the edges of this world. In the tender name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: "I Feel the Winds of God" **VU#625**

Blessing: *(unison)* **As we go forward into this day:**

We go with the Spirit of God within us, the friendship of God walking beside us and the love of God guiding our way and calling to our hearts. Amen.

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Postlude

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UCW will meet Tuesday at 11:30am in the boardroom.

This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	6:30pm	Cubs	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	11:30am	UCW Meeting	Boardroom
	1:00pm	Art Club	Church Hall
	6:30pm	Beavers	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Visioning Committee	Sanctuary
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	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