



# 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."

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## October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, Season of Creation "Humanity" Worldwide Communion Sunday

Congregational responses are in bold.

(\* ) Indicates Standing.

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### ***We Come Together***

**Prelude...** (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

### **Greeting**

### **The lighting of the Christ Candle**

### **Land Acknowledgement:**

In this Season of Creation, our attention is drawn to the connection we have with this earth, one another, and God. As people who are called to love one another as Christ loves us, we acknowledge now that the land we are on is the traditional land of the Wabanaki people; in this area, they are the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. May we continue seeking right relations with all Indigenous people, the land, and our loving God.

### **Announcements**

### **Call to Worship:**

One: God created the land and everything on it,

**All: and God saw that it was good.**

One: God created the oceans and the rivers,

**All: and God saw that it was good.**

One: God created the forests and the deserts,

**All: and God saw that it was good.**

One: God created us, each wonderfully and differently made,

**All: and God saw that it was good.**

One: As part of creation, we come to worship,

**All: with praise on our lips, and joy in our hearts, knowing that it is good.**

**Opening Prayer:** *(unison)*

**Creative and Loving God, with all of creation we look to You. We look to You as the One from whom all things have sparked: from sub-atomic particles to forested slopes, from strands of DNA to the deepest ocean trenches. We look to You as the One with whom all life is joined and pray that we continue to deepen our relationships with one another and all life. In the name of Jesus, the one who came to free all of creation, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn:** "All Creatures of Our God and King" **VU#217**

**Personal Prayer:** "Hope Shines As a Solitary Star" **MV#220**  
*(Concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)*

**Children's Learning Time**

**Children's Prayer:**

**In Your image, You made us, God, and You teach us how to love. You've said that Creation is good, all things below and above. Your breath and light are inside us, connecting us to You, help us care for all creation, truly loving it, in all we say and do. Amen.**

**Hymn:** "I Love to Tell the Story" **VU#343**

## **We Listen to the Word**

### **Prayer for Understanding**

**Reader: Karen Hudson**

Let us pray: Loving God, your Word is a living guide to us revealing the path of love and peace within the world and within our lives. As we approach your Word this morning may it resonate within our own hearts that we may be changed by the hearing and moved to action in our reflection. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### **Scripture Lesson: Genesis 1: 26-28**

**Genesis 2: 7-8; 15; 18-19**

### **Response:**

**One:** These Words are Holy and remind us that all of Creation is Holy.

**All:** **They are Light for our lives, and nourishment for our living.**

**Sermon** "We are One"

**Anthem** "Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"

## **We Respond to the Word**

### **Invitation to the Offering:**

All of creation was brought into existence through God's loving action. In God, we live and move and have our being as part of that creation. In response to that great gift, allow the gifts we now offer to reach out and into all of creation, caring, lifting, and reflecting our connection to all that God has created.

### **Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)**

**God of all, made in Your image, we seek to be partners in creation in our work and in our worship. Let us never be so bold as to forget that our gifts are only possible because You had first loved us into creation and gifted us with much. May what we offer this day be used by You to tend every corner of life. We pray all of this in and through the loving name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Hymn:**

“When We Gather at the Table”

**MV#198**

**Service of Holy Communion**



One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

In India right now, Christians are tearing up naan. In Ohio, they are pouring Welch's...

**Let us Pray:** Loving God, you have called us together as one great family and so today we join with all your people on earth praising your name in the unending song of faith, saying:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the Highest.**

In the fullness of time, God sent the Chosen one, Jesus of Nazareth; The Christ, God's own, to call your splintered creation together. He came preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins...

In remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## **Epiclesis**

### **The Peace:**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

## **Fraction and Pouring**

### **Distribution of the Elements**

### **Concluding Prayer:**

One: Friends, we are now one: we are one with each other, one with the church universal, one with Christ, and so as one let us pray together our concluding prayer:

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, you had once put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us, and remake us. Thanks to your life, what we have been passed, and what we shall become through you, still awaits us. On this day may the light of Christ dwell within us guiding our way in your glorious creation. Amen.**

**Benediction:** *(unison)*

**May God's Love speak to us through all creation,  
The friendship of Jesus deepen our relationship with all  
life, and the guidance of the Spirit go with us out into our  
week ahead. Amen.**

### **Extinguishing the Christ Candle**

## **Postlude**

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**Oct 2** Erik **Oct 9** Esther **Oct 16** Elizabeth, **Oct 23** Erik

**Sound/Prompter operators for the coming weeks:**

**Oct 2** Tracy, **Oct 9** Stephen **Oct 16** Tracy, **Oct 23** Stephen

## This Week's Events

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	2:00pm	<b>Sparks</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	1:00pm	<b>Art Club</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	12pm	<b>Writers Circle</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	6:15pm	<b>Brownies</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	<b>M&amp;P Committee</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
<b>Friday</b>	7:00pm	<b>Movie Night</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

# Announcements



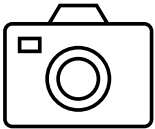
**Movie Night** is coming up October 7 at 7pm. *Waking Ned Divine* is the film and popcorn and refreshments provided.

**Book Study - Friday, October 21st, 7pm – (*Forgiving Yourself*)**

**Rummage Sale** is coming up on Friday, October 21 from 5:30pm–8:00pm and Saturday, October 22 from 8:00am–11:00am. Please hold your items to deliver the week of October 17th or call Terry Foreman for pick-up of larger items.

**Collecting coats for kids in need!** 1<sup>st</sup> Jones Lake Venturers are accepting gently used boots, hats, mitts, gloves, coats, and jackets. Sizes newborn to adolescent. To arrange pickup: 866-3356 Drop-off: 51 Laird Ave or Nursery at Mount Royal. Please have your donations in by October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**“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 in a slip of paper and place it in the box.



**Universal Portrait Studios** will be contacting you in the coming weeks to set up an appointment to have your photos taken. You are not obligated to purchase any photos but if you do participate you will receive a free photo directory. Please consider having your photo taken to assist Scott and Emily become more familiar with faces and names. If you do not want to be contacted please call the office to take your name off the list.

**Pancake Breakfast** will take place on November 5 from 8-11:00am.