



# 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, All Saints 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**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Land Acknowledgement:**

As we seek to deepen our relationship with all Indigenous peoples, we acknowledge that the land upon which we worship, work, and live is the traditional land of the Wabanaki people; in this area they are the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. As a people who believe the Spirit works in us and through us, let love continue guiding us in the difficult work of reconciliation.

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Who are God's Saints?

**All: The people who have shared God's Love.**

One: People of all ages and genders?

**All: The people who have shared God's Love.**

One: People all around the earth?

**All: The people who have shared God's Love.**

One: Ones who have passed, ones who now live, and ones who are yet to be born?

**All: The people who have shared God's Love.**

One: Who are the saints of God?

**All: All God's people, all around the world,**

**each person who has shared God's Love.**

One: Then let us worship in joy as the saints surround us.

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

**Transforming God, we praise You for taking us, imperfect ordinary people, and gifting us with Your Love. Through Your Spirit, we are then called to reflect that Love back into the world. We thank You for Your Grace that is not yet finished with us, and for all the saints who have entered our lives offering us Your Love. Be with us in this time of worship, as we give thanks for the lives of the saints of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. In the name of our great friend Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Morning Has Broken"

**VU# 409**

**Invitation of our Saints:** (The response after each prayer is "Come and surround me, come and surround me.")

Leader: Creator God who loves me,... Congregation: **Come and surround me, Come and surround me.**

Sustaining Son who sought me,... **Come and surround me, Come and surround me.**

Guiding Spirit who taught me,... **Come and surround me, Come and surround me.**

One: Larry MacDonald of God,  
**All: come and surround me, come and surround me.**  
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Ruby Hayward of God,  
**All: come and surround me, come and surround me.**  
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Bob Oke of God,  
**All: come and surround me, come and surround me.**  
(Lighting of the candle)

One: Lloyd Holton Jr. of God,  
**All: come and surround me, come and surround me.**

(Lighting of the candle)

One: Marie Bishop-Leblanc of God,

**All: come and surround me, come and surround me.**

(Lighting of the candle)

One: Dr. Edgar Macleod of God,

**All: come and surround me, come and surround me.**

(Lighting of the candle)

One: Marjorie Henderson of God,

**All: come and surround me, come and surround me.**

(Lighting of the candle)

One: Jean Cherry of God,

**All: come and surround me, come and surround me.**

(Lighting of the candle)

One: Grace Harris of God,

**All: come and surround me, come and surround me.**

(Lighting of the candle)

One: June Robinson of God,

**All: come and surround me, come and surround me.**

(Lighting of the candle)

One: Carolyn Dalzell of God,

**All: come and surround me, come and surround me.**

(Lighting of the candle)

One: Darryl Innes of God,

**All: come and surround me, come and surround me.**

(Lighting of the candle)

All: **Come and surround me, Great God of all time.  
Surround me with friends, surround me with saints,  
enfold me in clouds of witnesses great,  
in prayer let me join with those beyond time,  
who stand by me now surrounded in light  
to offer this prayer which is their delight.**

# The Lord's Prayer

## Children's Learning Time

### Children's Prayer:

Thank you, God, for Your Light that shines for all to see. Thank you that it shines in people, just like me. Help us to share our gifts, those both big and small, so that Your Love might be shared and spread, known by one and all. Amen.

\*Hymn: "I Am a Child of God"

MV# 157

### *We Listen to the Word*

#### Prayer for Understanding

Reader: Jean Lawlor

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 will be changed by the hearing and moved to action in our reflection. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Scripture Lessons:** Revelation 7: 9-17  
Matthew 5: 1-12

**Response:** One: This is the living Word of God,  
**All: that guides us in the way of love.**

**Sermon** "The Communion of Saints"

**Anthem** "Hymn of Promise"

### *We Respond to the Word*

#### Invitation to the Offering:

The great Communion of Saints, those who have passed through our lives, and those who still reveal for us the great love of God, are gifts. Through them, we are drawn deeper into relationship with one another and with God. In response now, we offer the gifts

of our lives and living, praying they be used for the building of God's Kingdom here in this place and around the world.

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

**Gracious and loving God, we experience freedom as we share our abundance. Receive the fullness of our offering. Increase the joy in our serving and move us to share Your Love with all the world. Bless our offering this day and use them as a blessing for others. In the name of Your Son who walks besides in joy, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "For All the Saints"

**VU# 705**

**Prayers of the People**

**Benediction:** *(unison)*

**Go from here,  
both challenged and comforted by the Spirit.  
Go from here,  
surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses.  
Go from here,  
Knowing that God's Love goes with you. Amen.**

**Extinguishing the Christ Candle**

*Choral Benediction:* "When You Walk from Here"

**VU#298**

**Postlude**

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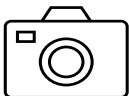
**Oct 30** Erik **Nov. 6** Stephen **Nov. 13** Tracy **Nov 20** Elizabeth

**This Week's Events: Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</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>
	7:00pm	<b>Visioning Committee</b>	<b>Board Room</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	12:00pm	<b>Writers Circle</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Choir</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	6:15pm	<b>Brownies</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

***Announcements***

**Pancake Breakfast – Sat, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 8-11:30am \$10 per person or \$35 per family** Includes: eggs, sausages, toast, juice, tea or coffee plus our famous smiley face pancakes. Maple products for sale. Would you consider volunteering? Contact Erik Gingles or the office for more info.



**Universal Portrait Studios – Wed Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fri Nov 4<sup>th</sup>**

Photo shoot sessions have been scheduled for these upcoming dates. If you haven't already scheduled an appointment please call 1-888- 888-769-7339 ext. 1 to make an appointment.

**Writer's Circle** meet in the first Wed of the month from 12-2pm. Anyone interested in writing, or the writing process is invited and welcome to join. Participants share anything they are working on. Contact Joan at [northward8@gmail.com](mailto:northward8@gmail.com) for more details.

**Mount Royal Movie Night "Remember the Titans" – Sat, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** Please join us for a night of fellowship. Popcorn and refreshments are provided. Feel free to bring a friend!

**Fall Fair –Nov 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10-1pm:** Mountain View United Church, Something for everyone, food items, crafts, books, jewelry, and refreshments.

**"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.