



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."

September 11th, 2022

Congregational responses are in bold.

(*) Indicates Standing.

We Come Together

Prelude

Greeting & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

Call to Worship: One: From our wanderings and wonderings,

All: we are welcomed home by God.

One: From our puzzles and ponderings,

All: we are welcomed home by God.

One: From our doubts and our fears,

All: we are welcomed home by God.

One: As the Good Shepherd calls,

All: we are led home by God's Love.

One: Come, let us worship!

Opening Prayer: *(unison)* **As we come before You in worship this day, Shepherding God, fill us with a sense of Your presence, above and within, surrounding and enfolding. Through the gentle power of Your Spirit, make us instruments of your Mercy and Grace throughout the world. Teach us to love as You would love, seeking out the lost, until one and all are found by Your Grace. In the name of Jesus, seeker of the lost, we pray. Amen.**

***Hymn:** "We Are Pilgrims"

VU#595

Pers. Prayer & Lords Prayer: Cradle Me in Your Arms **MV#91**

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer: Like coins and sheep, You seek us, God, because You love us so. Even when we try to hide, You find us everywhere we go. Remind us to share Your love with those who feel lost and afraid--for You are with us, wherever we go, today and always. Amen.

*Hymn: "Spirit God, Be Our Breath" MV#150

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Understanding Reader: Jennifer Aikman-Smith

Scripture Lesson: Luke 15: 1-10

One: This is the Word of God,

All: light for our path, and love for our hearts.

Sermon "Foolish Love"

Anthem "Everywhere I Go" by Natalie Sleeth

Prayers of the People

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*) Thank you, Generous God of Grace, for freely pouring out your love and abundance. May the gifts we offer this day become instruments of your Love, finding the lost, comforting the lonely, and providing hope to the hopeless. May one and all hear Your voice and find themselves welcomed back home, surrounded by the light of Your love. In the tender name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" VU#371

Benediction: One: Found by God,

All: we go now to help others find their way.

One: Loved by Christ,

All: we go now to share Christ's love with the World.

One: Blessed by the Spirit,

All: we go now to bless others with mercy and grace.

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Postlude

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This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	11:30am	Pastoral Care Comm	Boardroom
	7:00pm	Worship Committee	Boardroom
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	11:30am	UCW Meeting	Boardroom
	1:00pm	Art Club	Church Hall
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Sunday	11:30am	Community Fun Day	Church Yard

Announcements

Community fun day – on Sunday, Sept 18 join us for free hot dogs, face-painting, games and an opportunity to find out what groups are available for you at Mount Royal. Beginning at 11:30am come on out and see what we're all about and sign up for groups or let us know what groups you would like to see offered.

"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.