



# 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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**September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Congregational responses are in bold.

(\* ) Indicates Standing.

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## *We Come Together*

**Prelude**

**Greeting**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Land Acknowledgement:**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Sheltered by God,

**All: we come now to worship.**

One: Invited by Christ,

**All: we come now to pray.**

One: Welcomed by the Spirit,

**All: we gather as the people of God.**

One: Welcome one and all to worship,

**All: in joy we gather here!**

**Opening Prayer: (*unison*) Sheltering God, as we worship You this day, cover us with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Gather us in the goodness of Your Grace, that we may experience Your comforting presence and tender love. Allow the gift of that love to keep us focused on You; that faith, love, endurance and gentleness of Spirit may speak through our living and out into the world. In the tender name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "This Is the Day" **VU#412**

**Personal Prayer:** "Cradle Me in Your Arms" **MV#91**  
*concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer*

### **Children's Learning Time**

**Children's Prayer:** God, at times the world feels confusing, with many choices to make. Sometimes we feel pulled and pushed and made to feel fake. Thank you, Jesus, for your love that helps us to stay true, to who we are and whose we are, in all we say and do. Amen.

**\*Hymn:** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" **VU#375**  
**We Listen to the Word**

**Prayer for Understanding** **Reader:** Tracy Parrott

### **Scripture Lesson: 1 Timothy 6: 6-19**

**Response:** One: May we be rich in good things:  
**All: Attending the lost and lonely**  
One: May we be generous with our lives:  
**All: Offering all we are in love**  
One: May we take hold of what is truly life giving,  
**All: The goodness of God flowing in and through us. Amen.**

**Sermon** "Breaking Idols"

**Anthem** "Change My Heart O God" Brenda Barnes

### **Prayers of the People / Blessing of the Backpacks**

#### **We Respond to the Word**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Prayer:** (*unison*) Generous God, open our hearts and our living to be as generous with others as You are with us. Bless the gifts we offer this day. Transform them beyond imaging into gifts of love for others. Make us

**generous givers of our time, talent, treasure, and service,  
so that others find in us the reflected love of Your  
Kingdom. In gratitude and in joy, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Take My Life and Let It Be" **VU#506**

**Benediction:** (*unison*)

**In joy and in challenge may God be with you,  
Christ walk beside you,  
and the Spirit guide you,  
as the foundation of our all our living. Amen.**

**Extinguishing the Christ Candle**

**Postlude**

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

**Sep 25** Stephen, **Oct 2** Tracy, **Oct 9** Stephen **Oct 16** Tracy

## **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>
	7:00pm	<b>Visioning Committee</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>
<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>

## **Announcements**

**Bottle Drive date change!!** 1st Jones Lake Scouting will hold a bottle drive on Saturday, October 1. Please put your recyclable bottles and cans out by 9am on that morning and they will be picked up. You may also request a special collection by calling or texting Dawn at 878-9006.

**Tracy's Retirement Celebration** – Please join us for Coffee and Conversation after the service today to congratulate Tracy on her upcoming retirement.

**Rummage Sale** – Friday, **October 21** and Saturday, **Oct 22**.

**Council Highlights - CORRESPONDENCE:** thank you cards and/or letters from St. Bernadette School, Bessborough School, the Art Club (included a donation), Demolay (included a donation) and from M&S thanking for Ukraine project donations. Confirmation of approval for the Footsteps of Faith Grant was received. **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT:** the treasurers report was submitted and reviewed.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:** council was informed that there is no current chair and it was recommended to begin the process of appointing someone to this role soon **PASTORAL CARE:** the needs of folks on pastoral care list are currently being met and it was requested that council share names of people who could benefit from pastoral care. Rev. Scott provided an education session on MAiD (Medical assistance in dying) that was well received and informative **WORSHIP COMMITTEE:** Oct will have a Season of Creation theme that will include communion and orange shirt day. Theme will relate to Kids Corner learning program as well. Stated that choir is back in person and discussed how it will work. Kids Corner has begun and will be located in the front corner near the pulpit. Rev. Scott will begin incorporating children's prayers into his service. There will be a change to the current communion procedures.

Issues with sound quality were discussed. **MINISTERS REPORT:** Rev Scott Stuart outlined his activities since the last council meeting and mentioned how great it has been to visit people in the community (retirement homes, hospitals etc.) and share conversation as well as in many cases, communion. **FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL:** there are so many vacancies and open positions in the region, Mount Royal should feel blessed. She encouraged council members to read regional email publications to keep informed of regional news. **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:** received the approval for the Faithful Footsteps grant from UCC. The roof was completed in Aug and we are still receiving money to offset the cost which will go to the roof fund. There were updates on the approval process for NB Power's grant. The heat pump installation is coming up. We are currently in the process of getting lighting upgrade quotes. An anonymous donor paid for the purchase of a stand-up freezer. A motion was made that bridge financing from the memorial fund be used for energy related projects and roof replacement be approved. **COMMUNICATION:** the Scouts were able to deliver the "Fun Day" flyers. Emily offered to assist in making social media posts and flyers for upcoming events. **FUNDRAISING/ TRUSTEES:** there was discussion about the importance of Council all being on the same page and united as leaders in the church. A rummage sale fundraiser is planned for Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> and Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Items to be dropped off no sooner than Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. A pancake breakfast has been scheduled for Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. Later in the fall, a Chili free will offering event will be scheduled. A grocery card sale will be held soon. The church property was appraised this summer. **CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** more volunteers are needed for programs to continue. A program from Illustrated Ministries will be used for the next couple of months. Rev Scott Stuart is planning a movie night for Sep 30<sup>th</sup> (Waking Ned Divine). It will be in the church basement. There will be a book study beginning on Oct 21<sup>st</sup>. **OTHER BUSINESS: BBQ** – Overall, the Fun Day was a successful event. The church received many generous donations for this event including hotdogs and cake. The bouncy castle was a definite hit and the cost of it was donated. Four new people signed up for Tai Chi. United in Learning Emails – There are upcoming webinars for treasurers as well as for stewardship campaign if anyone is interested.