Congregational responses are in bold.

We Come Together

Prelude

*Introit

"We Praise You, O God"

VU# 218

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements/Mission and Service

Call to Worship:

One: The Spirit is here,

- All: and we are here,
- One: in worship, celebration and awe,
- All: of all God has built,
- One: and continues to build in us and through us.
- All: We have come to worship,
- One: to celebrate God's presence with us in community,
- All: and to dedicate ourselves once more to God's ongoing creation among us.
- One: Thanks be to God for the work of the church— worship let lose in the world!

Opening Prayer: (unison)

Loving God, You have called us together to celebrate the work of Your church here within the Mount Royal Community of Faith. As children of Your Grace, we thank You for the ministry You have given us, the fellowship we have enjoyed, and the promise that Your Spirit is always with us. As we look back and look forward, may Your Spirit guide us in our thoughts and our reflecting, our speaking, and our being. In the name of the One who is the sovereign head of Your Church, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "For the Fruit of All Creation" **VU#227**

Personal Prayer: "Come and Fill Our Hearts" x2MV#16Concluding with The Lord's Prayer

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer: Thank You God for this church, and everyone in this place. We gather each week praising Your

name and hoping to glimpse Your face. As we continue to worship, in all of our work and play, help us then to hear Your voice calling to follow Your way. Amen.

*Hymn: "Let us Build a House"

MV#1

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Reader: Lee

Scripture Lesson:

Epistle:Romans 12: 1-10Gospel:John 21: 15-17

Response:

One: This is the Living Word:

All: Let us receive and live this Word.

Sermon

Anthem "Man of Sorrows, What a Name"

Prayers of the People

Nomination of Chairperson and Secretary

Motion – re: Bylaws - Section B.3.7.2, page 60, United Church Manual (Voting rights for adherents).

*Hymn: "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" VU#559

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering / Dedication of Committee Reports

*Sung Dedication: "Praise God from Whom..." VU# 541

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

God of Grace, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for You and for our neighbours. May they bring closer to fulfillment Your reign of Peace and Love here in this world. Inspire us to continue offering our gifts as expressions of our trust in You. In Jesus' name, our friend and great teacher, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Motion to accept the Minutes of the Annual Congregational meeting held March 19th, 2023.

Business arising from the Minutes

Correspondence

New Business

- a. Presentation and adoption of Annual Reports
- b. Report of Church Council Nominating Committee
- c. Presentation of Financial Reports
- d. Code of Conduct Confirmation
- e. Further Business

Adjournment

*Blessing: May the God of Hope walk with us, the light of Jesus dwell within us,

and the joy of the Spirit continue to call and guide us, this and everyday of our journey.

*Extinguishing of the Lenten Light

*Choral Benediction "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Postlude

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I his week's volunteers				
Ushers: Mar 17 Annie & John Mar 24 Marlene & John				
Screens: Mar 17 Kevin	Mar 24 Erik	Mar 31 Tracy		

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Club	Kitchen
	7:00pm	Church Council	Boardroom
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	12:00pm	Lunch with Friends	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall

Mount Royal Announcements:

Lunch with Friends: Thurs., March 21st @ noon. Sign up at the back of the church or in the office until March 18th at noon! The cost is \$7.00 payable at the lunch. Menu is Ham & Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli, Brownies and Ice Cream.

This Week's Volunteers