



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."

Sept 17th, 2023

*Indicates Standing

Congregational responses in bold.

We Come Together

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

Introit "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty" **VU#315**

Greeting

Lighting the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: God scatters seeds and calls us to grow.

All: We come to grow in Christ.

One: God scatters seeds and calls us to love.

All: We come to love as Christ loves.

One: God scatters seeds and calls us to hear.

All: We come, listening for God's Word.

One: God scatters seeds and calls us to worship.

All: We come to worship embraced by Love and Light.

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Creator God, we come on this day of rest and renewal to be refreshed and recreated in Your image and for Your purpose. Let the seeds that You have planted in our hearts grow in our worship, so that they take root and yield beyond measure, the gifts of Your Hope and Grace. Allow us to be so enfolded by Your Spirit that we, in turn, become like the sower, scattering Your seeds of Love throughout this community and world. In the precious name of Your Son, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

VU# 375

Personal Prayer: "Lord, Listen to Your Children..." x2 **VU# 400**
(Concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

We Listen to the Word

Godly Play: The Parable of the Sower

Children's Time Prayer: (Repeat After Me)

***Hymn:** "Deep in Our Hearts" **MV# 154**

Sermon "What's Planted in You?"

Anthem "Earth, Air, Fire, Water" offered by Ethan

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn:** "Come to My Heart" **VU# 661**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Sung Dedication:

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" **VU#541**

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Holy One, bless the gifts we offer this day. Shape them to bring life, beauty, and colour to the greys of life. Root them in movements for justice and peace, while branching them throughout the world in loving action. We pray these gifts be seed in Your hand, scattered and taking root in the hearts of all Your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "God Be with You till We Meet Again" **VU# 422**

Blessing

May God's Love and Grace shine upon you.
May the Light of Jesus shine from within you.
May the Joy of the Spirit shine all around you.
And may you and those you love, wherever they may be,
know the care and comfort of Christ this day. **Amen.**

Extinguishing of the Christ Light

***Choral Benediction** "I am walking a Path of Peace" **MV#221**

Postlude

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Screen operators:

Sept 17 Elizabeth **Sept 24** Tracy **Oct 1** Stephen

Ushers:

Sept 17 Sandra & Gil **Sept 24** Annie & John

This Week's Events

Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
	7:00pm	Church Council	Boardroom
Wednesday	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Sunday	11:30am	Community Fun Day	Outside

Scouting & Guiding groups meet throughout the week.

Mount Royal Announcements:

POSTPONED! Community Fun Day – NEW DATE Sept 24th

11:30am-1:30pm: This is a fun, social event that includes food, games, a bouncy castle and more! we are collecting non perishable food items for the Peter McKee Food Bank. Contact office for details.

Community Announcements:

Handbell Choir Opportunity: Visions United is hosting an informal get together for anyone interested in a United Church Handbell Choir. 140 Joyce Ave, Thurs, Sept 21st, 7-8:00 PM. marthashaw11@gmail.com

INVITATION International Day of Older Persons Reception:

The Mayor's Seniors Advisory Committee will be hosting a reception on Sun, Oct 1st at 2:00 p.m. at the Moncton City Hall, 655 Main St in honour of International Day of Older Persons. Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Marcia King, City Clerk's Office marcia.king@moncton.ca or 853-3499.

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