



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."

April 17th, 2022 – Easter Sunday

Congregational responses in bold.

We Come Together

Prelude

Lenten Lights

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship: One: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!

One: God is alive,

All: new light is given.

One: Hope is alive,

All: a new age is dawning.

One: Joy is alive,

All: redemption is here.

One: Love is alive,

All: new life surrounds us.

One: The church is alive,

All: God's Spirit within us as we worship! Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Holy One, You came to those first disciples and offered them Easter assurance. You came to Peter and offered him love. You came to Thomas and offered him hope and you came to Mary offering her joy. Come to us now, in this moment of worship and touch our hearts, that we too will know the light and love of Your Grace, so powerful not

even the tomb can contain it. Hallelujah, our hope is restored! Amen.

Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" **VU#157**

Personal Prayer "Take, O Take Me as I Am" x2 **MV#85**

(concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

We Listen to the Word

Children's Time

Children's Time Prayer: Hallelujah! Thank you, God, for all your signs of Spring. For the new life Jesus shares with us, for the joy your Spirit brings. Help us to notice the signs of new life, signs both big and small, that we too might be signs of that life, sharing your love with all. Amen.

Hymn: "Jesus Laughed Out Loud" **MV#133**

Prayer for Understanding **Reader:** Erik Gingles

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24: 1-12

One: This is the Gospel, the Good News of our friend Jesus.

All: Light for our lives and love for our living.

Sermon "Early Morning Light"

Anthem "Easter Song"

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Today, not even the darkness of the tomb can hold back the Light of Christ. That light is the Love of God reaching out and into our lives. That light is the precious gift of Christ forever binding us together in life. In response to this gift, we make the offerings of our hearts. Through them, may the hungry be fed, the outcast welcomed, and Jesus' ministry continued in this place, community, and world.

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*) -3-

We praise you, O God, and give thanks, that you have given us such joy, grace, and hope, in the Resurrection of Jesus, our friend and redeemer. You are the holy source of everlasting Love, and you are the dancing Spirit of life. We offer these gifts in thanksgiving and ask that you bless them to Your use in this community and throughout the world You came to love. Amen.

Hymn: "We Gather Here" **VU#469**

Service of Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, at all times and in all places, O God. Through your living Word...

You have called us together as one great family and so today we join with all your people on earth praising your name in the unending song of faith, saying:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

In the fullness of time, you sent the Chosen one, Jesus of Nazareth; The Christ, your own...

In remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O Holy One, creator of all people and worlds, send now upon this bread and cup your life-giving Spirit. May this outpouring of the promised Spirit transfigure this thanksgiving meal that this bread and cup may become for us a bond, binding us to you and to one another. That we may be one body and one spirit in Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Fraction and Pouring:

Distribution of the Elements

Concluding Prayer:

One: Now we are one: we are one with each other, one with the church universal, one with Christ and so as one let us pray together our concluding prayer:

All: Lord Jesus Christ, you had once put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us. Thanks to the miracle of Easter, what we have been is past; what we shall be through you, still awaits us, and on this day may the light of Christ dwell within us guiding our way. Amen.

Benediction: One: From darkness and despair, we find hope and joy.

All: Christ is risen! We go forth in joy!

One: From doubt and betrayal, we find trust and faith.

All: Christ is risen! We go forth in faith!

One: From suffering and death, we find healing and life.

All: Christ is risen! We go forth to live!

One: Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

Christ's Light carries on...

Postlude

The bulletins today are dedicated in loving memory of
Ron Maund by Ilene and family.

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This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Visioning	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	1:00pm	Art Club	Church Hall
	6:30pm	Beavers	Outside
	7:00pm	Church Council	Church Hall
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	6:15pm	Brownies	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Saturday	10:00am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Next Sunday	11:00am	Annual Meeting	Sanctuary
	6:30-8pm	Girl Guides	Church Hall

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **April 24** after an abbreviated worship service. You are welcome to bring a snack if you feel you may be hungry.

The **Anniversary Service** will be held Sunday, **May 1** with tea, coffee and cupcakes served at coffee and conversation.

The sympathy of the Community of Faith is extended to the family and friends of the late **Rev. Clifford Moase**. Rev. Moase's obituary can be viewed on the website for York Funeral Home, Fredericton. He was the Minister at Mount Royal from 1966-1971.

Yard Sale at Mountain View United Church, 85 MacBeath Ave., Friday, April 29th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and Saturday, April 30th, from 8:00 am to noon.