



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."

March 27th, 2022 – Lent 4

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)*

Greeting

Lenten Lights

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship: One: God is with us this morning!

All: Calling us to friendship, calling us to praise.

One: God is with us this morning!

All: Calling us to listen, calling us to respond.

One: God is with us this morning!

All: Calling us to new beginnings, calling us to love.

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All: Calling us to celebrate, calling us to follow as we worship together.

Opening Prayer: *(unison)*

Gracious God, time and again you welcome us in celebration and joy. For some, it's been a long time since we've reached out, and for others, worship is a daily occurrence. Regardless, your love encircles us and greets us. Today, help us listen with new ears and new hearts, that we may know your unconditional love— not just for the world as a whole, but also for us individually. It is you for

whom our souls long and for whom we search. In Jesus' name we offer this worship to you, Amen.

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

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: Thank you, God, when we feel lost, you find us every time. For the home we have in you, and the light that helps us shine. You welcome us with open arms, just for who we are - help us love as you would love, that your light guide all divine, Amen.

Hymn: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" **VU#626**

Prayer for Understanding **Reader:** Penny McIntyre

Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

One: This is the Word of God,

All: finder of the lost and friend on our journey.

Sermon "New Beginnings"

Anthem "Speak, O Lord"

Prayers of the People

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering: We have been blessed to be a blessing in this world. The offerings of our hearts, our hands, and our lives we make now, praying they be used: that the lost be found, the lonely comforted and the despairing welcomed into the warmth of God's love.

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)*

God, may these offerings remind us of the times that you have welcomed us back into your love, that we might now do the same for your hurting world. Let us not take

what we have for granted, always giving thanks with our words, actions, and generosity. Bless now these gifts, and those we offer to the SPCA, that all creation may come to know your Grace as an unending gift that we share, Amen.

Hymn: "Great is Their Faithfulness" **VU#288**

Blessing: (*unison*) **Go now with the assurance that God goes with you. Go to be a blessing in this world. Go surrounded by the steadfast love of God; and go, in the knowledge that we are each welcomed, loved, and sought out by our God.**

Extinguishing the Lenten Lights:

One: Following in the footsteps of our friend, and great redeemer, we remember Jesus last words from the cross.

All: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Postlude

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This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	6:30pm	Cubs	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	1:00pm	Art Club	Church Hall
	6:30pm	Beavers	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	10-12pm	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Sunday	6:30-8pm	Girl Guides	Church Hall

Coffee and Conversation will resume on April 3.

A **Good Friday** service will be held on **April 15** at 6:30pm.

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **April 24** during and after the service as a brown bag lunch with tea and coffee served.

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