

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 2024

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Gathering Music

God is good, all the time... all the time, God is good.

Words of Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Song **“Family Song”**

Here we are, gathered together as a family.

Bound as one, lifting up our voices to the King of kings.

We cry—Abba, Father, Worthy is Your name.

Abba, Father, Worthy is Your name.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship *(from Gathering Epiphany 2024)*

Let us give thanks to God.

Let us join our whole selves in songs of praise.

Let us bring our hurts and concerns to God’s gentle love.

Let us receive God’s word for our lives.

Let us commit our lives to live for God’s kingdom.

Thanks be to God! We gather to worship. *Pg1*

Hymn Worship the Lord VU#401

**Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)
worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands)
in devotion to God who is one!**

- 1 Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
worship and work must be one! R**

- 2 Praying and training that we be a blessing,
and by our handiwork daily confessing:
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one! R**

- 3 Called to be partners with God in creation,
honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation,
we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice,
worship and work must be one! R**

- 4 Bringing the bread and the wine to the table,
asking that we may be led and enabled,
truly united to build new communities,
worship and work must be one! R**

**5 Now in response to the life you are giving,
help us, O Father, to offer our living,
seeking a just and a healing society,
worship and work must be one! R**

Opening Prayer

Faithful God, we stand in this congregation to give you thanks with our whole hearts, for your works are great. Your massive power upholds the universe, and yet it is so intimate, it upholds our lives, tiny in the scale of the galaxies. Your work is full of honor and majesty. Thank you for being mindful of us all, remembering your promises. May your creative love and faithful power endure forever. Amen.

Children come forward during the signing of this song

**Children's Gathering Song-Mighty is our God
Mighty is our God. Mighty is our King
Mighty is our Lord. Ruler of everything.
Glory to our God. Glory to our King.
Glory to our Lord. Ruler of everything.
His name is higher. Higher than any other name.
His power is greater for He has created everything.
Mighty is our God. Mighty is our King
Mighty is our Lord. Ruler of everything.
Glory to our God. Glory to our King.
Glory to our Lord. Ruler of everything.**

Ministry of Music “I Will Celebrate” Choir

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, when we speak of your great power, the power that abounds in creation all around us, we sometimes wonder if it is in our own lives. We hear that you are faithful, that you remember us and your promises, yet there are places in our lives that don't feel quite right. We often wonder what you have to do with our lives, especially in the places that hurt. Help us trust your promised grace, for we long to touch your healing peace. Amen.

(Silence for private prayer)

Words of Assurance

God holds true to God's promises and sends redemption to God's people. Let us rejoice in the God who remembers and redeems. Amen.

Scripture readings:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 read by Regina Cote

Mark 1:21-28 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

Message

***Hymn Spirit, Open My Heart MV#79**

Refrain:

**Spirit open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.**

**As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart**

- 1. God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. R**
- 2. Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. R**
- 3. May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. R**

Invitation to Share our Offering

***Offering Song MV#191**

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

Offering Prayer

Holy One, Jesus of Nazareth, Spirit from on high, may our gifts reveal your grace and mercy far and wide. May others learn of your faithful love through the power of your works and through the gifts we bring this day. May they also learn that you have everything to do with their lives. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn One More Step Along the World I Go VU#639

- 1 One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**

- 2 Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me: R**

- 3 As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know: R**

**4 Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
 leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you: R**

**5 You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
 ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:
 And it's from the old I travel to the new;
 keep me travelling along with you.**

Benediction *(from Gathering Epiphany 2024)*

As we leave this place, we take with us the assurance that God has promised to guide us in our days, to challenge, strengthen, and restore us. We go into the world confident in God's abundant love, so abundant that cannot bear to keep it for ourselves. We go now as sharers of the light.

Sung Benediction Go Now in Peace

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

Postlude † † † † † † † † † † † † † † Pg.7

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Bulletins today are to the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of Willard and Arlene Dernier, placed by daughters Ginny, Ann & Kathy.

Bulletins today are also placed In Memory of brother, John Eagles by Mary Allen.

Today: Community Dinner Sunday. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

Tuesday: Bible study 1:00 p.m. Parlour

The 2023 Tax Receipts are available in the narthex.

February 13th: Pancake Supper here at Mountain View. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$10.00; Children under 10 years old: Free.

In case of inclement weather call the church office (506) 857-4817. The phone message will indicate if church Service is cancelled.

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