

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
Second Sunday in Lent – February 25, 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 Open Our Eyes Lord

**Open our eyes Lord. We want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch Him.**

And say that we love Him.

Open our ears Lord. And help us to listen.

Open our eyes Lord. We want to see Jesus.

Lenten Candle Liturgy read by Regina Cote.

Call to Worship

In promise and covenant, God calls.

In hope and trust, we respond.

In love and faithfulness, God saves.

In gratitude and joy, we come.

Let us worship and praise God's holy name.

Hymn As the Sun with Longer Journey VU 111

- 1 As the sun with longer journey
melts the winter's snow and ice,
with its slowly growing radiance
warms the seed beneath the earth,
may the sun of Christ's uprising
gently bring our hearts to life.**
- 2 Through the days of waiting, watching
in the desert of our sin,
searching on the far horizon
for a sign of cloud or wind,
we await the healing waters
of our Saviour's victory.**
- 3 Praise be given to the Maker
of the seasons' yearly round:
to the Speaker through the Spoken
in their living Breath of love
as the ever turning seasons
roll to their eternal rest.**

Opening Prayer

**Ancient of days, bring our future hope into our world.
Bring your love into our lives. Bring your presence
into our midst. Open our hearts and minds to your
message, that we may respond with hope and trust.
With our ancestors of old, may we walk in the lineage
of faithful discipleship. Amen.**

Children come forward during the signing of this song

Children's Gathering Song – Great and Mighty

Great and mighty is the Lord our God

Great and mighty is he,

Great and mighty is the Lord our God

Great and mighty is he,

Lift up your banner, let the anthems ring,

Praises to our King!

Great and mighty is the Lord our God

Great and mighty is he;

Ministry of Music “Down By The Riverside”

Prayer of Confession:

Faithful One, we want to believe. We yearn to follow faithfully, Forgive our hesitant, stumbling steps. Hold us by the hand, guide us with your love, and cover us with your mercy and grace. Help us answer your call, trust your promises, and walk in your ways all the days of our lives.

(Silence for private prayer)

Words of Assurance

Christ's righteousness has become our righteousness. God's merciful love is enough to save us. All is forgiven. All is restored. God's beloved are made righteous in Christ's grace.

Special Music “Peace in the Valley” Rev. Shaw

Scripture readings:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 read by Regina Cote

Romans 4:13-25 read by Regina Cote

Mark 8:31-38 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

Message

Hymn I Cannot Dance, O Love VU 534

- 1 I cannot dance, O Love, unless you lead me on.
I cannot leap in gladness unless you lift me up.
From love to love we circle, beyond all knowledge
grow, for when you lead we follow, to new worlds
you can show.**
- 2 Love is the music 'round us, we glide as birds in air,
entwining, soul and body, your wings hold us with
care.
Your Spirit is the harpist and all your children sing;
her hands the currents 'round us, your love
the golden strings.**
- 3 O blessed Love, your circling unites us, God and soul.
From the beginning, your arms embrace
and make us whole.
Hold us in steps of mercy from which you never part,
that we may know more fully the dances of your
heart.**

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

God of ancient days and futures not yet seen, bring your eternal wisdom to our time of offering. Bring your ancient faith and faithful love to the gifts we now bring. Transform the past with the promise of your future, that together our gifts may merge with your Spirit to bring transformation and hope to your world. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn Go Make a Diff'rence MV 209

Go Make a Difference

Refrain

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Verse 1

**We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

Verse 2

**We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

Verse 3

**So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
And the sprit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

Benediction

**Though the former things are past and the future is unknown,
we go as God's beloved children.
God's love and our place in God's realm is secure,
both now and forevermore.**

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 † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Today is Community Dinner Sunday – volunteers are always necessary and appreciated.

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

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

If you would like to have church envelopes please call the church office.

**Live stream and previous Services may be found at:
mountainviewunited.ca**

**Pancake Supper update: Thanks to your generosity
\$1115.00**

was raised from this supper. Thank You All!

**Friday March 1 – World Day of Prayer worship service
beginning at 2 pm St. Paul’s United Church in
Riverview.**

**Feb. 29, Dessert Extravaganza – St. John’s United
Church, 75 Alma St., Moncton, (use Victoria St. door)
2-4 pm and 7-9 pm. Cost \$7;50 – tea/coffee and dessert.**

**Saturday, May 11, 2024 Market at Mt. View. There is an
Opening for four tables for vendors to rent. Three 6’
tables at \$20.00 and one 8’ table at \$25.00. Email Joyce at
joycemcdavid@gmail.com.**