

**MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent- March 10, 2024**

**Worship Leader**  
**Director of Music**  
**Office Administrator**  
**Custodian**



**Rev. Jacob Shaw**  
**Mark Lloyd**  
**Liz Simmons**  
**Marc Bourgeois**

**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**

**Allan Borden**

**Call to Worship**            *(from Gathering 2024)*

The goodness of God beckons,  
**calling us to goodness and grace.**

The grace of God redeems,  
**saving us and making us whole.**

The love of God welcomes,  
**inviting us to worship and praise.**

**Hymn Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary MV#18 (x3)**

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy,  
tried and true; with thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living sanctuary for You.**

**Opening Prayer**

**God of goodness and grace, gather us in your arms of  
love. Gather us as people of your goodness and grace.  
Gather us in worship and prayer, that we may be  
strengthened with faith and courage. Gather us as  
those who are eager to live and to share your goodness  
and grace. 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 “Step into The Water” Joyce McDavid**

## **Prayer of Confession:**

**Gracious God, lift up our hearts this day, for we long to see your salvation. Lift us up from the pits of sin and sorrow, that we may walk in the light of your love and grace. Create us anew as reflections of your light and as offerings of your grace. For we yearn to bless everyone we meet, even ourselves, in your name. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

*(Silence for private prayer)*

## **Words of Assurance**

In Christ Jesus, we are created to do good things. By God's grace, we are able to be good people. In God's goodness, we are created good. In Christ's grace, we are saved by love, that we may love and be loved.

## **Scripture readings:**

**Numbers 21:4-9 read by Allan Borden**

**Ephesians 2:1-10 read by Allan Borden**

**John 3:14-21 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw**

## **Message**

**Hymn      O God, How We Have Wandered      VU#112**

- 1    O God, how we have wandered  
and hidden from your face;  
in foolishness have squandered  
your legacy of grace.  
But how, in exile dwelling,  
we turn with fear and shame,  
as distant but compelling,  
you call us each by name.**
  
- 2    And now at length discerning  
the evil that we do,  
by faith we are returning  
with hope and trust in you.  
In haste you come to meet us,  
and home rejoicing bring,  
in gladness there to greet us  
with calf and robe and ring.**
  
- 3    O God of all the living,  
both banished and restored,  
compassionate, forgiving,  
our peace and hope assured.  
Grant now that our transgressing,  
our faithlessness may cease.  
Stretch out your hand in blessing,  
in pardon, and in peace.**

## **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**

**Merciful God, you have richly blessed our lives with love and bounty beyond measure. Bless these gifts we return to you now, that they may bestow the same richness of your love and grace in the world. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn Walk with Me VU#649**

**Walk with me, I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through.**

**1 When Moses heard the call of God  
he said, 'Lord, don't send me.'  
But God told Moses, 'You're the one  
to set my people free.' R**

**2 Now Peter was a most unlikely  
man to lead the flock;  
but Jesus knew his holiness  
and he became the Rock. R**

**3 Young Mary Magdalene was sure  
her life could be much more,  
and by her faith she dared to let  
God's love unlock the door. R**

**4 And when you share your faith with me  
and work for life made new,  
the witness of your faithfulness  
calls me to walk with you. R**

### **Benediction**

Go forth in the light of God's grace. Go forth with the love of Christ's mercy. Go forth with the goodness of the Spirit's generosity.

### **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**

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

**Wednesday: Scrapbooking 9:30 a.m. Board Room**

**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](http://mountainviewunited.ca)**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>: UCW Esther Unit 1:30 in the parlour**

**March 28<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday Service**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday Service**

**April 27<sup>th</sup>: 1:00 p.m. - Fundraising Event for Children's Dyslexic Learning Center Moncton. "Food, Fiddling & Fun" at Mountain View United Church, 85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton. Featuring: Samantha Robichaud & the Plucky Pizzicatos and the Arco Fiddlers. Ivan & Vivian Hicks and the Sussex Avenue Fiddlers, Bill Taylor, Derek Knowles. Raffle Draw - 50/50-Cookies. Admission by Donation (Tax Receipts for \$25+).**

**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.**

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**St. Paul's Senior Exercise Classes (60+) Every Tuesday & Thursday 9AM to 10AM at 404 Cleveland Ave., Riverview. Winter session runs from January 9th through May 16<sup>th</sup>. Jane Cowan is a certified trained senior instructor, with a focus on senior core fitness, balance and memory exercises. No floor work. Weights, balls, rubber bands and chairs in some classes. Contact Wendy Marney 386-2032 or St. Paul's Church 386-3335.**