

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
Fifth Sunday in Lent-March 17, 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 Mary Hebert

Call to Worship *(from Gathering 2024)*

Come away and be still.

We come to worship God.

Come find rest for your weariness.

We come to worship God.

Come with your joy and sorrow.

We come to worship God.

In this time, in this place, God waits for us!

Let us worship together!

- 1 New every morning is the love
our wakening and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life, and power, and thought.**
- 2 New mercies each returning day
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**
- 3 If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still of countless price
God will provide for sacrifice.**
- 4 The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we ought to ask,
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.**
- 5 Only, O God, in your dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.**

Opening Prayer

from Gathering 2024

God of the Lenten journey, we praise you. We set our intention to follow the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus through this sacred and holy season. You gave us Jesus to teach us about true worship and surrender. You call us out of our wilderness and into your community. You humble our hearts and open our spirits during this cruciform journey. Your challenge us to repent and to prepare to be spiritually reborn. You call us to renew our commitment to our covenantal relationship with you, a relationship rooted in the teachings and Way of Jesus. All praise, honour, and glory are yours, O God, for the blessing of your transformative love. 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 “Look To The Rose” Choir

Prayer of Confession:

Loving and ever-present God, you have made a new covenant, a promise, a fresh start that we all need to understand and embrace. You know that we struggle every day to recognize you and to feel your presence, but that never stops you from being there. Creator God, your laws are written on our hearts so that we carry them with us always. We know that if we hide from you in the shadows of pride, prejudice, and greed, our hearts hurt. But you know us, O God. Thank you, Loving God, for always being there and for trusting us to always try to stay on the path that leads us to you.

Amen.

(Silence for private prayer)

Words of Assurance

On the journey of Lent, we move toward relationship with God. So follow Jesus and know new life. Seek the Spirit and know new insight. Move toward God and know grace. You are forgiven.

Music “Find Us Faithful”

Tara McKee

Scripture readings:

Jeremiah 31:31-34 read by Mary Hebert

John 12:20-33 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

Message

**I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.**

- 1 There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. R**
- 2 There, there where death dies and our lives are
born again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain. R**
- 3 There, there where the darkness brings visions
from above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love. R**
- 4 There, there where we work with the love of
healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land.**

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 *(from Gathering 2024)*

Loving God, we come before you today in humility, acknowledging the gifts you give us. We ask that you now receive our gifts, the fruits of our labours, our hands, and our hearts. May they be used to glorify your name. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn **Called by Earth and Sky** **MV 135**

Chorus:

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

This is our sacred living trust,

treasure of life sanctified, called by earth and sky,

called by earth and sky, called by earth and sky

- 1. Precious these waters endless seas,
deep ocean's dream, waters of healing,
rivers of rain. the wash of love again.**
- 2. Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free. Breath of the Spirit,
blow through this place, our gathering and our grace.**

**3. Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land. Seeds of our wakening,
rooted and strong, Creation's faithful song.**

**4. Precious the fire that lights the way,
bright dawning day. Fire of passion,
sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.**

Benediction *(from Gathering 2024)*

Go out from here, and as you go about your daily lives, remember to place it all before God. Embrace the goodness that God has placed around you and share the blessing with others in our community. Let God work in you and bring out the best in you. Go now to love and serve the Lord with love and kindness to all.

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 † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †

Monday: UCW Esther Unit 1:30 p.m. Parlour

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

March 28th - Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 p.m.

March 29th - Good Friday Service 10:30 a.m.

**March 31 – Easter Sunday-Come early (9:30 a.m.)
for Hot Cross Buns & Cheese/Crackers**

Saturday, May 11, 2024 Market at Mt. View. There is an opening for two tables for vendors to rent. Two 6' tables at \$20.00. Email Joyce at joycemcdavid@gmail.com.

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April 27th: 1:00 p.m. - Fundraising Event for Children's Dyslexic Learning Center Moncton. "Food, Fiddling & Fun" at Mountain View United Church, 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+).

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