

**MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**Maundy Thursday - March 28, 2024**

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**Rev. Jacob Shaw**  
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**Gathering Music**

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

**Words of Welcome**

**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    Rev. Shaw**

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

**This evening brings with it joy and celebration,  
uncertainty  
and anticipation.**

**This evening brings us to a new place of  
discernment and preparation.**

This evening leads us into the realities of Holy  
Week and the truth of living the promise of faith and hope.

**This evening leads us beyond the past and into  
a future that is yet to be revealed.**

This evening, gathered in caring community, let us worship

**Hymn            All Who Hunger                    VU 460**

**1    All who hunger, gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.**

**Come from wilderness and wandering.**

**Here, in truth, we will be fed.**

**You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.**

**Taste and see the grace eternal.**

**Taste and see that God is good.**

**2    All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.**

**Come from restlessness and roaming.**

**Here, in joy, we keep the feast.**

**We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.**

**Taste and see the grace eternal.**

**Taste and see that God is good.**

**3 All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.**

**Opening Prayer** *(from Gathering 2024)*  
**Gracious God, your people have searched for you, from  
Mount Olive to the Upper Room. Let us seek you as  
did the early disciples, with prayer, patience, and humility.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession:** *(from Gathering 2024)*  
**Eternal God, open us to your presence this evening.  
Melt the hardness within us. Take any cynicism, grudge,  
or negativity and replace it as only you can. Replace it  
with hope, with forgiveness, with possibilities that only  
you can understand. Guide us, O God. Shape us.  
Empower us. Renew our spirits to receive your wisdom  
and to be changed by it. Soften us so that your image  
might be revealed in us. Guide us, O God. Shape us.  
Empower us. Transform us now as we release our sins  
and seek your power to live differently.**

*(a time of silent prayer)*

## **Words of Assurance**

Because God's love is great, we are forgiven. Because God's forgiveness is firm, we are free. As God's creations, healed, forgiven, and loved, let us be at peace. Let us live with grateful joy. Glory to God! Glory to God!

## **Scripture readings:**

**Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 read by Mary Hebert**

**John 13:1-17, 31b-35 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw**

## **Message**

### **Invitation to Communion**      *(from Gathering 2024)*

To the table he prepared in the Upper Room, Jesus welcomed Judas, who would betray him with a kiss. Jesus welcomed Peter, who would deny him three times. Jesus welcomed all his disciples, who would abandon him out of fear. Jesus welcomed each one with no hesitation and welcomes us with the same expansive love.

**We gather at this table, individuals yet one body,  
to be fed by the living Christ.**

## **Communion**

**Hymn I Am Walking A Path of Peace**

**MV 221**

**I am walking a path of peace,  
I am walking a path of peace,  
I am walking a path of peace,  
lead me home, lead me home.**

**I am walking a path of love,  
I am walking a path of love,  
I am walking a path of love,  
lead me home, lead me home.**

**I am walking a path of grace,  
I am walking a path of grace,  
I am walking a path of grace,  
lead me home, lead me home.**

**I am walking a path of hope,  
I am walking a path of hope,  
I am walking a path of hope,  
lead me home, lead me home.**

**I am walking a path of joy,  
I am walking a path of joy,  
I am walking a path of joy,  
lead me home, lead me home.**

**I am walking a path with heart,  
I am walking a path with heart,  
I am walking a path with heart,  
I am home, I am home.**

**Benediction**                      *(from Gathering 2024)*

Blessed by God, we are called to live.

Fed by Christ, we are called to serve.

To free us from the cycle of hatred and violence,

God offers us the promise of Love—

the promise of a godly future.

Go forth and love one another well.

*(Please leave the sanctuary in silence)*

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