

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
Good Friday - March 29, 2024

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Gathering Music

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

Words of Welcome

Gathering Song What Wondrous Love Is This VU 147

**1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

Candle Liturgy Rev. Shaw

Call to Worship (*from Gathering 2024*)

Today is a day to remember shadowed times and places.

**Sadness and grief surface when we enter this
gloomy day.**

Yet, we know that death does not have the last word.

**It is Good Friday and, in the mystery of God's
love, a day of hope.**

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
you that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see;
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his grief away:
learn from him to watch and pray.**

- 2 See him at the judgement hall,
beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;
see him meekly bearing all;
love to all his soul sustained.
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss:
learn from Christ to bear the cross.**

- 3 Calvary's mournful mountain view;
there the Lord of glory see,
made a sacrifice for you,
dying on the accursed tree.
'It is finished,' hear his cry:
trust in Christ and learn to die.**

Opening Prayer

God of suffering and sorrow, remind us that we are not alone in our suffering and our sorrow. Open our hearts to Christ's passion, to his suffering and sorrow, that we may find the wisdom and strength to face our own trials and suffering. Amen.

Prayer of Confession:

God of comfort and love, be with us amidst our sorrow. Draw us near to your love, for we live in a world full of hate and anger. Grant us the courage, mighty God, to endure the trials of this life. Grant us the faith to embrace hope, even in moments of despair. Send your spirit into our lives, that we may sing your praises, even on this day of deep grief. Amen.

(a time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

May those who suffer find comfort and hope. God's forgiveness is steadfast and true, through the grace and love of Jesus, the Christ.

Ministry of Music "Worthy is The Lamb" Choir

John 18:1-27 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

Hymn Why Has God Forsaken Me VU 154

**1 'Why has God forsaken me?'
cried out Jesus from the cross,
as he shared the loneliness
of our deepest grief and loss.**

**2 At the tomb of Lazarus
Jesus wept with open grief:
grant us, God, the tears which heal
all our pain and unbelief.**

John 18:28---19:16 read by Regina Cote

- 3 Jesus, as his life expired,
placed himself within God's care:
at our dying, Christ, may we
trust the love which conquers fear.**
- 4 Mystery shrouds our life and death
but we need not be afraid,
for the mystery's heart is Love,
God's great love which Christ displayed.**

John 19:17-42 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

Message

Hymn The Old Rugged Cross

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
the emblem of suff'ring and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain. R**

**R: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross
and exchange it some day for a crown.**

**Oh that old rugged cross so despised by the world
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. R**

**In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine
a wondrous beauty I see;
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
to pardon and sanctify me. R**

**To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then He'll call me some day to my home far away
where His glory forever I'll share. R**

Benediction

And now may God, who keeps our going out and our coming in, from this time forth and forevermore, hold you, wipe your tears, let hope be reborn in you, and heal your hearts with the blessing of love, this day, this night, and forevermore.

“Hallelujah”

Rev. Jacob Shaw

*Please leave the sanctuary in silence.
Feel free to sit in silent prayer if you wish.*