

**MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**Third Sunday in Lent- March 3, 2024**

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**Rev. Jacob Shaw**  
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**Liz Simmons**  
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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 Mona Miller**

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

Lent is an opportunity for a spiritual spring cleaning,  
**a chance to take and air out our experiences  
and thoughts,**

time to consider them, organize them, and make decisions.

**What have we learned?**

**What is to be promoted or avoided?**

As we prepare to move into a time of new joys and new  
uncertainties,

**what can we use to rest firm in our faith?**

Let us worship together, in part because it strengthens our  
resolve.

## **Hymn**            **“Jesus Christ Is Waiting” VU 117**

**1 Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;  
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.**

**\*Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.**

**Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.**

**2 Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,  
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.**

**\*Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.**

**In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.**

**3 Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;  
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.**

**\*Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.**

**Let my care be active, healing just like you.    Pg 2**

**4 Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,  
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.  
\*Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.  
On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.**

**5 Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,  
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'  
\*Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.  
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Creator God, you call us from our busy lives to find  
knowledge and rest in this holy place. Center our spirits  
in your love. Open our hearts to your transforming  
word, for we are ready to realign our spirits, remember  
your words, and walk in your paths. Guide us in wisdom  
and truth as we seek to follow your word. 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 “Bow The Knee”**

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**God of love and truth, we long to walk in your paths. We yearn to follow you in the ways that lead to life and wholeness. Yet it is hard to know if we are taking the right paths on our journey of faith. We worry that we will wander off, even when we don't mean to. May our love set us right, forgive our mistakes, and show us where we should go. Amen.**

*(Silence for private prayer)*

### **Words of Assurance**

God promises forgiveness, that we may be blameless and innocent of any transgression.

### **Scripture readings:**

**Exodus 20:1-17 read by Mona Miller**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-25 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw**

**John 2:13-22 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw**

### **Message**

**Hymn My Love Colors Outside the Lines MV 138**

- 1. My love colours outside the lines,  
Exploring paths that few could ever find;  
and takes me into places where I've never been  
before, and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.**
- 2. My Lord colours outside the lines,  
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;  
and takes me into places where I've never been  
before and opens doors to worlds outside the lines. R**

**Refrain:**

**We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared  
to drown,  
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.  
And we'll never move the gravestones  
if we're not prepared to die,  
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.**

- 3. My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries,  
where I've never been before,  
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines. R**
- 4. My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries,  
where I've never been before,  
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines. Pg 5**

## **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)*

**Gracious God, may what we have offered-of ourselves, of our resources, of our time, become a rainbow blessing of light for an aching world among those of us gathered here, for our local community, and for our world, blessed by the power of your abundant grace. Amen.**

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

**Hymn O Lord My God VU 238**

**1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

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How great thou art! How great thou art!**

- 2** When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. **R**
- 3** But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin. **R**
- 4** When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!' **R**

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

Go in peace. And on your journey, may you have the boldness to come to Jesus just as you are, ready to be transformed into followers led by the Holy Spirit who journey through this world in peace, in faith, and in love. May the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and evermore.

## **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**

**Bulletins today are placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Debeau, placed by daughter Mary Hebert and the family.**

**Today: Please join us in the church hall following the Service of Worship for Coffee & Conversation.**

**Tuesday: Bible study      1:00 p.m.      Boardroom  
UCW Deborah Unit 1:30 p.m.      Parlour**

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

**Live stream and previous Services may be found at:  
[mountainviewunited.ca](http://mountainviewunited.ca)**

**“Greater Still” music event, March 10 @ 2 pm at Holy Family Church. Tickets are \$10.00. This gospel music event is presented by the Holy Family Seniors Choir and tickets can be purchased at the door.**