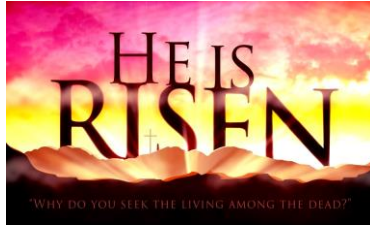


MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024

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Gathering Music
“Hallelujah”

Rev. Jacob Shaw

God is good, **all the time...** all the time, **God is good.**
He Is Risen...**Hallelujah!...Hallelujah!...He Is Risen.**

Words of Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Song Majesty

Majesty, worship His Majesty:

Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority,

Flow from His throne unto His own, His anthems raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship His Majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship *(from Gathering 2024)*

Christ is risen! What a glorious day!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Our lives are forever changed!

New life is all around us. Stop and experience the beauty.

Where once there was death, now there is life!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!

Hymn Jesus Christ Is Risen Today VU 155

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!

our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!

who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!

suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!

unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!

who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!

sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!

3 But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!

our salvation have procured; hallelujah!

now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!

where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

4 Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!

praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!

praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!

praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer (from Gathering 2024)

We gather this holiest of days, Living God, to remember one moment in time that changed everything. Thousands of years ago, your Spirit burst out of the grave and placed into our hands the promise of resurrection. Through Jesus' resurrection, you gifted us with freedom, not just from death, but from sin, fear, uncertainty, and loneliness. Today we remember that, in you and because of you, we are not alone. Move among us and lift our hearts as we praise your name this glorious Easter morning. 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

“Risen Indeed!”

Choir

Prayer of Confession:

**Holy One, Maker and keeper of Creation, we praise you!
Open us to the new life you are creating in us. Forgive us
when we choose our ways instead of your ways. Forgive
us when we let our world get so small that there is no
room for new ways. Show us a new way, Loving God.
As your spirit moves among us, drive out fear that blocks
us from confidence. Take root in us and help us to grow
in love and in peace, until we are complete in your care.
Amen. *(Silence for private prayer)***

Words of Assurance

Beloved of God, the grace of God is with you. Receive forgiveness and mercy through the name of Jesus Christ.

Scripture readings:

Acts 10:34-43 read by Sheila Huntley

Mark 16:1-8 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

Message

Communion Hymn This Is the Day That God Has Made

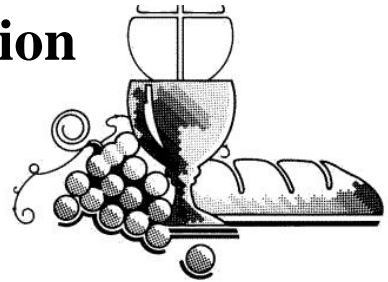
VU#175 (R, vs1)

**This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!**



**1 Christ has conquered death at last,
left the tomb that held him fast!
Gone the sorrow, gone the night,
dawns the morning clear and bright!**

Sacrament of Communion
Easter Sunday



Invitation

Go out into the streets and lanes,
bring in the poor, the blind, and the lame.
Go out into the roads and alleyways,
compel people to come in,
that my house may be filled.
and my feast may be complete.

Luke 14:21-24

Call to Give Thanks

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving

Hallelujah, thanks and praise, ever-living God,
worker of wonders, maker of miracles, author of all life
and giver of life eternal! Out of chaos and fear you
bring beauty and hope. Out of despair and death you
create courage and new life. And so, with the risen
Christ, who makes all things new by the power of his
resurrection, we join in the song of a new day,
to sing your praise:

Song of Creation

Holy, holy, holy God,

Power of life and love!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna through the ages!

**Blest is the One who comes to bring your
justice to the earth.**

Remembering Jesus at Table

Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time, you sent your child Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the Mother and Father of us all.
He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and
sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed
the Good News of your kingdom to the poor and to those
in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took
bread; and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave
it to his disciples. And said, "Take, eat: this is my body
which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of
me." After supper he took the cup of wine;
and after giving thanks, gave it to them, and said,
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new
covenant, which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Prayer of Self-Giving

Gracious God,
by the death of your child
you have destroyed the power of death,
and by raising him to life
you have given us life for evermore.
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Affirmation of Memory and Hope

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Prayer of Transformation

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, O God, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body,
one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ,
our Lord.

Concluding Praise

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

With Jesus, we pray together, saying:

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and filling of the Cup

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

Jesus Christ, the True Vine.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

God of life, the empty tomb confronts us with a wild new possibility: that even death cannot defeat your power to bring a resurrection of new possibilities and new hope out of the shattered remains of old visions and abandoned dreams. Thank you, O God, for this gift of Easter. May its reality become part of us, that our own "black Friday" experiences become not threats to our faith or full living, but challenges to deeper commitment and closer understanding of you. May your resurrecting power move through us for the renewal of our world.

Amen.

**Communion Hymn This Is the Day That God Has Made
VU#175 (R, vs2)**

**This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!**

**2 Jesus lives who once was dead,
lives forever, as he said!
Risen now our Saviour, King;
songs of gladness let us sing!**

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

**Holy God, thank you for your goodness and mercy,
especially for the good news of the resurrection of Jesus
Christ. May these offerings, and indeed our very lives,
become a witness to all people of the salvation and grace,
you bring into the world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Hymn Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks VU#179

Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Give thanks to the risen Christ;

hallelujah, hallelujah!

Give praise to God's name.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and is risen. R

3 We have been crucified with Christ,

now we shall live for ever. R

4 Come let us praise the living God,

joyfully sing to our Saviour. R

Benediction

Easter people of Jesus Christ, this very day, God has acted.

Jesus is raised from the dead.

Let us rejoice and be glad.

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 † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †

Today: Community Dinner Sunday. Volunteers are very much needed and always appreciated.

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

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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+).

Anyone interested in transferring their membership or becoming A new member of Mountain View please contact the church office (506) 857-4817.

Mountain View UCW will be holding a **Celebrate Spring Tea** on Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m. Sandwiches and sweets will be served, with gluten-free options available. Only 80 tickets will be sold and will be on a first come, first served basis. Tickets are \$12 each and are available at the church office or from Barb Groundwater or Debbie Ellison following the service. Pg11