

**MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 21, 2024**

**Worship Leader**  
**Director of Music**  
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**Custodian**



**Rev. Jacob Shaw**  
**Mark Lloyd**  
**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 "Here I am to Worship"**

**Light of the world**

**You stepped down into darkness**

**Opened my eyes, let me see**

**Beauty that made this heart adore You**

**Hope of a life spent with You**

**Here I am to worship**

**Here I am to bow down**

**Here I am to say that You're my God**

**You're altogether lovely**

**Altogether worthy**

**Altogether wonderful to me**

**Here I am to worship**

# **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

## **Call to Worship**

Are we eager to show Christ's love for one another in truth and action?

**We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**

Are we ready to study the example of Jesus, who laid down his life for us?

**We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**

As we consider how to absorb God's lessons, may we bring others to Christ's fold.

## **Hymn      The Spring Has Come      VU 187**

- 1    The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!  
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!  
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.  
New light, new day,  
the spring has come, let all the church be part of it!**
- 2    The sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!  
The world expands, let's spread the Gospel way in it!  
New leaf, new thrust, new greening for the love of  
Christ. New leaf, new thrust,  
the sun is warm, let all God's children play in it!**
- 3    The spring has come, new people are the flowers of it.  
Through wind and rain, new life is in the showers of  
it. New bud, new shoot, new hope will bear the  
Spirit's fruit. New bud, new shoot, the spring has  
come, new people are the flowers of it!**

## **Opening Prayer**

**Shepherding God, guardian of our souls, you offer us rest in the safety of green pastures. Shower us with your love, and offer us fullness of life in your name. When our spirits are parched, you lead us beside still waters and quench our thirst for righteousness; you restore our souls and heal our battered spirits. Touch our hearts and minds, that your goodness and mercy may follow us every day of our lives. May we abide in your love and grace for all eternity. 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 “He Touched Me” Bernice MacDonald**

## **Prayer of Confession:**

**Good Shepherd, help us become your bold acolytes, lighting the way of your truth for all to see. Help us choose honorable paths through green pastures and still waters amid the darkest valleys of our lives.**

**For you are greater than our fears and you know how to bring us peace. As you laid down your life for us, may we strive to live for others. We choose you this day, for no other name under heaven inspires us to greater joy. Amen.**

*(Silence for private prayer)*

## **Words of Assurance**

The Good Shepherd beckons all to come and be restored. Rejoice in the knowledge that you are loved!

## **Scripture readings:**

<b>Acts 4:5-12 read by Mary Hebert</b>	<b>Pg 773</b>
<b>1 John 3:16-24 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw</b>	<b>Pg 863</b>
<b>John 10:11-18 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw</b>	<b>Pg 759</b>

## **Message**

**Hymn            Oh, Sing to Our God            VU 241**

**1    Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing out a new song.  
      Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing out a new song.  
      Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing out a new song.  
      Oh, sing to our God. Oh, sing to our God.            Pg.4**

**2 Oh, dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.  
Oh, dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.  
Oh, dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.  
And sing to our God, and sing to our God.**

**3 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.  
Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.  
Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.  
Oh, sing to our God. Oh, sing to our God.**

### **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**

**As the Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep,  
may we, too, strive to serve our neighbors. Whether next  
door, across town, or around the world, may God bless  
our prayers, our gifts, and our ministries. In Christ's  
name, we present these gifts. Amen.**

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

**Hymn Blessed Assurance VU 337**

**1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**2 Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. R**

**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. R**

**Benediction**

May you show boldness before God in all you do. Following Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, act with kindness, love, and humility. Bring comfort to others, acting with love and truth.

**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.**

## **Upcoming Events & Announcements**

**Prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to Murray Wigglesworth & Family on the death of his wife, Myrna Wigglesworth on April 16, 2024.**

**Today: Please join us in the Church Hall following the Service for Coffee and Conversation.**

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

**Wednesday: Scrapbooking 9:30 a.m. Boardroom**

**April 28<sup>th</sup>: Community Dinner Sunday, volunteers are always welcome and greatly appreciated.**

**April 28<sup>th</sup>: Covenanting Service 2:00 p.m. for Rev. Jacob Shaw.**

**If you would like to have church envelopes please call the church office.**

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

**April 27th: 1:00 p.m. - Fundraising Event for Children's Dyslexic Learning Center Moncton. "Food, Fiddling & Fun" at Mountain View United Church, 85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton. 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+).**

**May 11 - Craft & Baking Vendor Market will be held at the Mountain View, 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will be 27 tables with a great variety, something for everyone. Free admission and free parking across the street. Hope to see you there.**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> Fabric, Yarn & Craft Sale –Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers Moncton. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Shediac Multi-purpose Centre, 58 Rue Festival, Shediac NB.**

**YARD SALE: Saturday, April 27 – 8 a.m. To 12 noon. St. Paul's United Church 404 Cleveland Avenue, Riverview, N.B. Rain or Shine**

**May 4<sup>th</sup>- Mount Royal United Church Pancake Breakfast, 8-11:30 a.m. Real Maple Syrup, eggs, sausages, toast, juice, tea/coffee. Cost \$10 per person or \$35 per family.**