

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
Second Sunday of Easter - April 7, 2024

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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

King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

It is good for God's people to gather together in unity.

We are here at the invitation of God.

In this place, God's love and grace flow into our lives.

In this place, God's blessings abound.

Praise be to God!

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Hymn You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen VU 185

**1 You tell me that the Lord is risen,
 that you have seen his face.**

**Then tell me why you crouch in fear
 and hide within this place.**

**You say that he spoke words of peace
 and stood just as before.**

**But 'til I touch his very flesh
 I will not trust your joy.**

- 2** You claim a resurrection here,
that God has broken death.
No easy words like these will soothe
the pain that tears my breath.
How well do I recall his face,
compassion, strength in fear.
How deep my grief that he should die.
Spare me your words of cheer!
- 3** 'Now peace be with you. Come, my friend,
my wounded body see.
Let the rich courage of your doubt
bring you to fresh belief.
Fear not to wonder at the Word,
to search the depths of grace.
Reach out and touch, here is my hand.
Receive the gift of faith.'
- 4** 'How blest are they, how fortunate
who know without the sight.
But Thomas, you are favoured too,
for searching yields its light.'
So may each pilgrim in the Way,
each road to Christ be blest,
'til lips declare, 'My Lord and God!',
Christ's body one at last.

Opening Prayer

Holy One, we gather with grateful hearts to remember the blessings of your light and love as they flow through our lives each day. In this moment, open our hearts to your Holy Spirit. Open our minds to the truths of your story. Open our hands to welcome the risen Christ among us. And open our eyes to your glory—a glory reflected in the faces around us. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. 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

Prayer of Confession:

God of grace and mercy, we want to continue singing the alleluias of Easter, but there are days we just don't feel like singing. Sometimes we lock ourselves away, fearful of what has happened or what the day may bring. Sometimes we allow our doubts to overwhelm our faith. Sometimes we forget about the needs of our neighbors because we are so focused on ourselves. Forgive us. Draw us back to you and to one another. Help us walk in your love and light, that others may see in us the loving presence of the risen Christ. Amen.

(Silence for private prayer)

Words of Assurance

Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, Jesus promises: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven then." Receive the hope and promise of this good news, for forgiveness is ours when we forgive one another. Thanks be to God!

Scripture readings:

Acts 4:32-35 read by Hal Mullin

John 20:19-31 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

Message

- 1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**
- 2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. R**
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy
deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. R**

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

Abundant God, we are grateful for all your blessings, especially for the presence of the risen Christ. Bless these gifts, that they may help bring your love and light into our community and our world. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn All Creatures of Our God and King VU 217
Verses 1-3, 5

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
 hallelujah, hallelujah!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
 sing praises, sing praises,
 hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

- 2 O rushing winds and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
 sing praises, hallelujah!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find a voice:
 sing praises, sing praises,
 hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

- 3 Earth, ever fertile, day by day
brings forth rich blessings on our way:
sing praises, hallelujah!
The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,
let them God's glory also show:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**
- 5 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Benediction

Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, may the love of God, the peace of the risen Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit fill your hearts, now and always. Amen.

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 to the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of Elaine Eagles, placed by daughter Mary Allen.

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

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

Wednesday: Scrapbooking

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

Time to renew your subscription to Broadview, North Americas oldest continuous magazine, first published in 1829. Subscription cost is \$30.00 and please make your cheque payable to Mountain View United Church and write Broadview in the note section on your cheque or use our E transfer facility. Any questions contract Ken Draper at 506-871-9304 or the church office.

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+).

April 12th 5:30 – 8:p.m. & April 13th 8 – 11 a.m. Yard Sale at Mount Royal United Church.

May 25th Fabric, Yarn & Craft Sale –Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers Moncton. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Shediac Multipurpose centre, 58 Rue Festival, Shediac NB.

**Live stream and previous Services may be found at:
mountainviewunited.ca**