

# **MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH**

**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - June 23, 2024**

**Worship Leader**

**Music Supply**

**Office Supply**

**Custodian**

**God  
is good  
all the time**

**Rev. Jacob Shaw**

**Jason Noble**

**Mary Allen**

**Marc Bourgeois**

**Gathering Music**

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

**Words of Welcome/Announcements**

**Gathering Song “Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord**

**Open the eyes of my heart:**

**I want to see You**

**I want to see You 2x**

**To see You high and lifted up**

**Shining in the light of Your glory**

**Pour out Your pow’r and love**

**As we sing “Holy, holy, holy.**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord**

**Open the eyes of my heart:**

**I want to see You.**

**I want to see You.**

# **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

## **Call to Worship**

Put your trust in God, who knows our names.

**The Holy One does not forsake those who seek God.**

Be gracious to us, Holy One.

**For you are the One who lifts us from the storm.**

We praise you in every time and space.

**We rejoice that your hand guides us.**

## **Hymn      Precious Lord, Take My Hand      VU 670**

**1    Precious Lord, take my hand,  
lead me on, let me stand,**

**I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light:**

**take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**2    When my way grows drear,  
precious Lord, linger near,  
        when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall:**

**take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**3** When the darkness appears,  
and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand,  
guide my feet, hold my hand:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

### **Opening Prayer**

**Holy Breath of Life, we enter this space searching for sacred peace. May the winds of this hour be quiet and calming. May the waters of this day be as peaceful as a pond. May our hearts find the tranquility we desire. May we fill the air with sweet songs of joy. 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:**

**Holy Generosity of Spirit, you are the fountain of salvation. From your love, we see peace and comfort. We yearn to extend the beauty of your grace to our neighbors, instead of hoarding it for ourselves. We long to remove the obstacles to your care from neighbors that need a helping hand, even when it requires heavy lifting. We seek to offer mercy to all your children, even when our struggles cloud our vision. Open our hearts to the needs of our neighbors that we may be agents of your grace and messengers of your peace. Amen.**

*(Silence for private prayer)*

## **Words of Assurance**

From the great fountain of salvation, find peace in God's grace. Even amidst the hardships and storms of life, God's love carries us to safe harbors. Receive the unconditional love of God with hearts filled with joy.

## **Scripture readings:**

**2 Corinthians 6:1-13 read by Mary Hebert**

**Mark 4:35-41 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw**

## **Message**

**1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? R**

**3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? 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**

**We are always rejoicing, Holy One, for your many gifts in our lives. Even when we have nothing, you make us feel as if we have everything. May these gifts usher peace into our world, that all may know of your love and touch your grace. Amen.**

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

**Hymn I've Got Peace like a River VU 577**

- 1 I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.**
- 2 I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.**

**3 I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.**

### **Benediction**

May the breezes of the spirit calm our hearts as we share God's presence with the world. May the peace of Christ pacify our engulfed minds as we go to care for our neighbors. The Holy One is our source of peace, today and forevermore. Amen.

### **Sung Benediction**

#### **Spirit of the Living God VU#376**

**1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

**Postlude † † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*The Reconnect Churches group would like the community to be aware that they are exploring the expansion of “Peer Support” as a potential hopeful means to help in the mitigation of the homelessness crisis in the Moncton area and throughout New Brunswick. Peer Support is when persons with similar life experiences and challenges “provide knowledge, experience, emotional, social or practical help to each other”. It is a proven, successful practice though out the world, with many models that might be adapted to New Brunswick. We would welcome your support, thoughts and prayers for success in this endeavor. If you would like to learn more, or be part of this effort, please contact Robert MacKay at 506-961-7182 or email at Robert MacKayToronto@live.com.*