

**MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost - June 9, 2024**

**Worship Leader**  
**Music Supply**  
**Office Administrator**  
**Custodian**



**Rev. Jacob Shaw**  
**Morley Denne**  
**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**

In this family of faith, we have a place where we will always belong.

**Here we find friends who will love us as children of the Most High.**

In this house of God, we worship a King who rules with equity.

**Here we follow the One whose steadfast love endures forever.**

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn            God of the Bible                            MV #28**

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change,  
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change,    Refrain**

**1    God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
Hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
You are our centre, daylight or darkness,  
Freedom or prison, you are our home.    R**

**2 God in our stuggles, God in our hunger,  
Suffering with us, taking our part,  
Still you empowr'us, mothering Spirit,  
Feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. R**

**3 Those without status, those who are nothing,  
You have made royal, gifted with rights,  
Chosen as partners, midwives of justice,  
Birthing new systems, lighting new lights. R**

**4 Not by your finger, not by your anger,  
Will our world order, change in a day,  
But by your people, fearless and faithful,  
Small paper lanterns, lighting the way. R**

**5 Hope we must carry, shining and certain,  
Through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
Bonding us gladly, one to the other,  
Till our world changes, facing the Cross. R**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Sovereign God, come to us when we lose our way. For we need you to be our King—to lead us on right paths, teach us the ways of life and death, and shelter us from our foes. We need you to be our comforter—to love us as a father, nurture us as a mother, shelter us as a brother, and assure us as a sister. Welcome us into the arms of your mercy, O God, and we will be your people, even as you are our God and King. 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:      Jesus All For Jesus**

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**O God, in the midst of our brokenness, knit us together as your family. In the midst of our woundedness, seal us in your heart as sisters and brothers. Gentle Spirit, swing wide the doors of our church, that all may find within these walls a place where your will is done and holy relationships are nurtured. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

*(Silence for private prayer)*

### **Words of Assurance**

Christ says to us: Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister.

## **Scripture readings:**

**2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 read by Regina Cote**

**Mark 3:20-35 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw**

## **Message**

**Hymn Spirit, Open My Heart MV #79**

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living,  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart. Refrain.**

**1 God, replace my stony heart,  
with a heart that's kind and tender,  
All my coldness and fear,  
to your grace I now surrender. R**

**2 Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story,  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory.**

**3 May I weep with those who weep,  
share the joy of sister, brother,  
in the welcome of Christ,  
may we welcome one another. 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**

**Holy Sovereign, you are our King and we are your people. As we reach for our brothers and sisters in faith, use these offerings to heal our world and draw all people into your holy family. Amen.**

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

**Hymn Open My Eyes, That I May See VU 371**

**1 Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.**

**Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.**

**Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**2 Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.**

**Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

- 3 Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

### **Benediction**

With God as our King, go to build God's realm here on earth.

**With our inner natures renewed, we go forth  
to proclaim God's glory.**

With your sisters and brothers in Christ go be Christ's family.

**With our hearts set free to love, we go to share  
Christ's love with all.**

**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    † † † † † † † † † † † † † †**



## Upcoming Events & Announcements

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

***Bulletins this morning have been placed to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of, Susan Bourk, (Mother) by daughter Tara McKee and Family.***

**Saturday, June 15: Dyslexia Graduation:  
Congratulations to the students graduating  
From the Dyslexic Children's Learning center housed in  
our building. The ceremony is taking place in our gym  
from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 16: Graduation Sunday:  
Please advise the Church Office if you have a Family  
member about to graduate this year.**

