

**MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - August 4, 2024**  
**New Brunswick Day weekend**

**Worship Leader**  
**Music Supply**  
**Office Supply**  
**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 My 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**

We do not live by bread alone, but by the life-giving word of God's love.

**God, give us the bread of life, today and always.**

“I am the Bread of Life,” Jesus tells us. “Whoever comes to me will never be hungry.”

**May we love our neighbors, ourselves, and you, so that we may never be hungry again. Amen.**

### **Hymn Great Shepherd of Your People VU 398**

**1 Great Shepherd of your people, hear!**

**your presence now display;  
as you have given a place for prayer,  
so give us hearts to pray.**

**2 Within these walls let holy peace  
and love and friendship dwell;  
here give the troubled conscience ease,  
the wounded spirit heal.**

**3 May we in faith receive your word,  
in faith present our prayers;  
and in the presence of our God  
unburden all our cares.**

**4 The hearing ear, the seeing eye,  
the contrite heart bestow;  
and shine upon us from on high,  
that we in grace may grow.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Spirit of God, dwell among us and revive us. You alone know the grace and peace that can nourish us to full strength in body and soul. Feed us, Bread of Life, with food that lasts. Give enough to share with others who also hunger, even if they know not what they hunger for: We rejoice in your bread, for it truly satisfies. Give us the wisdom to receive it, that we may taste and see your goodness, O Lord. 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: Allan & Barb Groundwater**

**“It is No Secret What God Can Do”**

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## **Prayer of Confession:**

**God of abundance, you long to feed your children, whenever we are hungry. Yet we often turn away and seek happiness elsewhere. When we compete with others for status, help us support one another in love. When we measure our worth by our productivity, help us rest in the assurance that we are your children. When we avoid conflict, move us to speak your truth in love. Return us to your ways, Holy One, that our souls may be satisfied and our hearts may be at peace. Amen.**

*(Silence for private prayer)*

## **Words of Assurance**

Christ's table is open to all who will join the feast. Come, eat; be loved and forgiven. Then share this good food with all who hunger. Glory be to God. Amen.

## **Scripture readings:**

**Ephesians 4:1-16 read by Sheila Huntley**

**John 6:24-35 read by Rev. Shaw**

## **Message**

**Hymn Give to Me, Lord, A Thankful Heart VU 513**

**1 Give to me, Lord, a thankful heart  
and a discerning mind;  
give, as I play the Christian's part,  
the strength to finish what I start  
and act on what I find.**

**2** When, in the rush of days, my will  
is habit-bound and slow,  
help me to keep in vision still  
what love and power and peace can fill  
a life that trusts in you.

**3** By your divine and urgent claim,  
and by your human face,  
kindle our sinking hearts to flame,  
and as you teach the world your name  
let it become your place.

**4** Jesus, with all your church I long  
to see your kingdom come;  
show me your way of righting wrong  
and turning sorrow into song  
until you bring me home.

### **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**

**Generous God, you have fed us well in body and in spirit. Your grace never runs short, but meets us in our need. Make us one with all your children, that these gifts and our good works may bring comfort to those who grieve, friendship to those who are lonely, and provisions to those who are in need. This we pray, in your blessed name. Amen.**

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

**Hymn Dear Lord, Lead Me Day By Day                      VU 568**

**1 Dear Lord, lead me day by day;  
make me steadfast, wise, and strong;  
happy most of all to know  
that my dear Lord loves me so.  
Praise to God, fount of love,  
praise from morn till the set of sun;  
praise at home, praise in church;  
praise to God everywhere on earth.**

**2 Dear Lord, lead me day by day;  
make me follow and obey  
faithfully your words of life,  
that your love ever abide. R**

**3 Now with confidence I sing  
joyous praises to our God,  
and with upright heart I give  
tender care and sympathy. R**

### **Benediction**

Stay well-nourished by God's grace and share the bread of life with others. May the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us now 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    † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †**

## **Upcoming Events & Announcements**

### **Teachers, Teachers, Teachers – NEEDED!**

**For September, two Joyland teachers and one helper are needed. One class of ages 4-10 and one class of ages 11-13. Nursery help is also needed. Please help us continue in this new growth. Please contact Barb Groundwater or contact the church office.**

**Please note: there will be no coffee and conversation during July and August. Please use The Keurig Station. Also: for September we will need your help in having supplies for coffee and conversation. Our cupboard is bare of cookies, sweet breads, etc., Thank You.**

**HELP PLEASE: We are in need of Scripture Readers for The following dates: August 18<sup>th</sup>., September 1 and 8<sup>th</sup>., October 6 and 13. New faces and New voices are always welcome. Please consider reading once or twice a year. Please sign your name to the sign-up sheet on clipboard at the table where bulletins and prayer sheets are. Thank You.**