

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH

85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - July 21, 2024

Worship Leader

Music Supply

Office Supply

Custodian



Rev. Jacob Shaw

Morley Denne

Mary Allen

Carson McDavid

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.

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

When you are weary in your bones...

here you will find rest.

When you are divided from family and friends...

here you will find peace.

When you are discouraged and downhearted...

here you will find hope and courage.

When you are looking for a shepherd to guide you...

here you will find succor and peace.

Hymn Worship the Lord VU #401

Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)

***worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,**

raising our hands (raising our hands)

in devotion to God who is one!

**1 Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
worship and work must be one! R**

**2 Praying and training that we be a blessing,
and by our handiwork daily confessing:
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one! R**

- 3 Called to be partners with God in creation, honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation, we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice, worship and work must be one! R**
- 4 Bringing the bread and the wine to the table, asking that we may be led and enabled, truly united to build new communities, worship and work must be one! R**
- 5 Now in response to the life you are giving, ** help us, O Father, to offer our living, seeking a just and a healing society, worship and work must be one! R**

Opening Prayer

Healer of division, your Son came to abolish enmity and to create one humanity in his name. Unite us with your saints and bring us into the peace of your household, that we might dwell as one family through the one Spirit. Be present in our worship this day and seal us in the heart of Christ, our shepherd. 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:

Shepherding God, call us away to a deserted place, for we yearn to abandon our divisions. We yearn to abandon old grievances and embrace wholeness in our lives.

We long to see all people, friends and adversaries alike, as beloved members of your household. In this we will find peace. Amen.

(Silence for private prayer)

Words of Assurance

As members of the household of God, Christ calls us to be the dwelling place for the Lord of hosts. In Christ, we become a new humanity, loved and made whole by the Lord of life.

Scripture readings:

Ephesians 2:11-22 read by Mary Hebert

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

Message

Hymn Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

VU #507

- 1 Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make ploughshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.**

- 2 God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
we sow not peace but strife,
our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.**

**3 Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.**

**For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.**

**4 May we in service to our God
act out the living Word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.**

**As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.**

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

**Bringer of peace, you shaped your people and gave them a home. In gratitude for your steadfast love—for calling us to feed in your pastures and rest safely in your fields--
- we bring our gifts before you this day. May they offer the love of our shepherd to those in your tender care.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn Like a Healing Stream MV # 144

**1 Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives
as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth ...
like a healing stream.**

**2 Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil
To coax a new creation,
Yearning for an end to want and need...
like a gentle rain.**

**3 Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,
Calling for an end to hate and war...
Like a river strong.**

**4 Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow,
God will always challenge and provide!
Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,
Like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.**

Benediction

God calls us away to bless us with rest.

In God, we find peace.

Our shepherd watched over us day and night.

In christ, we dwell secure.

The Spirit anoints us with holy love.

In the Spirit, we find healing.

Go as the beloved household of God.

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 † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †

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.

TIDBITS:

The world wants your best but God wants your all.

Honesty is the first chapter of the book of wisdom.

A day hemmed in prayer is less likely to unravel.

When you flee temptations don't leave a forwarding address.

Laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects.

**God never asks about our ability –
Or our inability –
Just our availability.**

**Whether you think you can or think you can't –
You're right.**

