

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - July 28, 2024

Worship Leader

Music Supply

Office Supply

Custodian

Gathering Music



Rev. MacPherson

Morley Denne

Mary Allen

Carson McDavid

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

How lovely is God's dwelling place.

Our souls long to connect with our God.

All of earth and heaven tell us of God's goodness.

God's presence can be experienced from sunrise to sunrise

God's call can be written on our hearts.

Let us seek God's will and listen for God's call to us.

Hymn O Joy of God VU 407

**1 O joy of God, we seek you in the morning
and long to see the glory of your face:
rise on our darkness with your sun's new dawning.
Flood all our being in this feast of grace.**

**2 O life of God, for you our spirits hunger;
unless we feed on you we surely die:
with love and faith renewed and hope grown
younger,
send us from here to serve you, God most high.**

**3 O peace of God, you pass our understanding;
safe through each moment keep us every day:
with joy divine and mercy never ending,
direct our path and prosper all our way.**

Opening Prayer

Holy one, we thank you for the gifts you have given.

For life, both new and old.

For love of friend and stranger.

For Christ alive in our hearts.

We ask that you bless our gathering, that our words,

Actions, and our love – our lives themselves –

Might be living reflections of your love. 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 One, we come before you with contrite hearts. You know what we've done and left undone. You know who we've betrayed and excluded. Yet you love us still. We do not mean to hurt or cause harm, yet we easily cover up our wrongs. We bow before you in hope and trust that you won't push us away, but will draw us home once more into the arms of your never-failing love. Amen.

(Silence for private prayer)

Words of Assurance

Confessions, whether spoken aloud or acknowledged silently within our hearts, are pleasing to our God. In the name of the Christ, you are forgiven.

Scripture readings:

Ephesians 3:14-21 read by Mary Allen

John 6:1-21 read by Rev. Mary MacPherson

Message

Hymn God, Take My Hand VU 638

**1 God, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;
direct, protect and feed me from day to day.
Without your grace and favour I go astray;
so take my hand, O Saviour, and lead the way.**

- 2 God, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
for you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
for when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.**
- 3 God, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen my steps toward
home, and nothing can impede me, O blessed
Friend! So, take my hand and lead me unto the end.**

Invitation to Share our Offering

**We receive that startling message that God's love is
freely available to all, that God actively offers this love
to all, and that God calls us to respond. We present
our offering as a loving response.**

***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 offer these gifts so that people may know that you
are there for them on choppy waters. You help them
find abundance when they feel as though all is lost.**

Thanks be to God. Amen

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn Be Thou My Vision VU 642

- 1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.**

- 2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

- 3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.**

- 4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

- 5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

Benediction:

Let us go forth now, into a world that is craving healing and wholeness. Let us praise God, whose power is working within us and through us. Let us go now, surrounded by the love of the Spirit who shows us we can do more than we can ever imagine. Let us go now in peace.

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

Bulletins today are to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Avalon and Cliff Owen placed by Nancy Morrissey and Family.

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.