

**MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH**

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

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - August 18, 2024**

**Worship Leader**

**Music Supply**

**Office Supply**

**Custodian**



**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 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**

Rejoice, seekers of wisdom and truth,

**God's wisdom calls us here.**

Behold, followers of godly direction and guidance,

**Christ's love shows us the way.**

Sing, children of thanksgiving and praise,

**the Spirit's presence gathers us together.**

## **Hymn      And on This Path      MV # 8**

**And on this path, the gates of holiness open wide,**

**And on this path, the gates of holiness open wide,**

**And on this path, the gates of holiness open wide**

**Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!**

**The gates are open wide!**

**So enter in, the gates of holiness open wide,**

**So enter in, the gates of holiness open wide,**

**So enter in, the gates of holiness open wide,**

**Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!**

**The gates are open wide!**

## **Opening Prayer**

**God of steadfast love, you granted young Solomon the wisdom to rule your people with judgment and understanding. When we turn to you for answers, you grant us the wisdom to discern good and evil and bestow the courage to live in your ways. Be with us in this time of worship, as we seek to grow in your wisdom and abide in your grace. 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:**

**Source of wisdom and understanding, turn us from the folly that surrounds us as we seek to live according to your ways. Fill us with your Spirit of power, and guard us from the selfish paths that blind us to your call to seek justice and mercy. Bless us with your Spirit once more, that we may follow in the footsteps of your Son and live in your holy ways. Amen.**

*(Silence for private prayer)*

## **Words of Assurance**

**Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. For the Lord is full of wisdom and grace, offering new life in Christ.**

## **Scripture readings:**

**Ephesians 5:15-20 read by Allan Borden**

**John 6:51-58 read by Rev. Shaw**

## **Message**

**Hymn            Walk with Me                            VU 649**

**Walk with me, I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through.**

**1    When Moses heard the call of God  
he said, 'Lord, don't send me.'  
But God told Moses, 'You're the one  
to set my people free.'    R**

- 2 Now Peter was a most unlikely  
man to lead the flock;  
but Jesus knew his holiness  
and he became the Rock. R**
- 3 Young Mary Magdalene was sure  
her life could be much more,  
and by her faith she dared to let  
God's love unlock the door. R**
- 4 And when you share your faith with me  
and work for life made new,  
the witness of your faithfulness  
calls me to walk with you. 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.**

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

**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still,  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

**God the still point of the circle,  
Round whom all creation turns,  
Nothing lost, but held forever,  
In God's gracious arms. R**

**Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
So encompass great and small,  
Let our loving know no borders,  
Faithful to God's call. R**

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
Than we've ever dreamed before,  
Let the dream of Christ be in us,  
Open every door. R**

**Benediction**

God sends us forth with wisdom and understanding.

**We go to be a blessing to the world.**

God sends us forth to be honest and just.

**We go to be a blessing to the world.**

Go with 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    † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †**

## **Upcoming Events & Announcements**

**The Bulletins today are to the Glory of God and  
In Loving Memory of Kevin Allen, brother in law,  
by Mary Allen and Family**

**Join us on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. for our Welcome  
Back Service at 10:30 a.m.**

**Joyland for ages 4 and up will resume on that  
Sunday as well. The Nursery will be open for children  
3 years and under. The children are asked to bring  
their book bags for the blessing of the book bags as  
they get ready for another school year.**

**Following the service, join us in the hall for a  
light lunch and ice cream sundaes.**

**SCRIPTURE READERS: We have regular  
readers but invite you to consider a week or two a  
year. New Faces and New Voices always welcomed.  
Please see sign-up sheet or call the office.**

**REMINDER: September 8, 2024 – 10:30 start.**

**When I woke up this morning I asked myself,  
“What is life about?” I found the answers in my  
Room ... the fan said, “Be Cool.” The roof said,  
“Aim High.” The windows said, “See the World.”  
The clock said “Every minute is precious.”  
The mirror said, “Reflect before you act.”  
The calendar said, “Be up to date.” The door said,  
“Push hard for your goals.” The floor said,  
“Kneel down and pray and be thankful for what  
we have.”**



