

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
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Baptism and New Membership Sunday

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Prelude/Gathering Music

God is good, all the time... all the time, God is good.

Words of Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Song God, Reveal Your Presence VU#391

**1 God, reveal your presence: as we now adore you
and with awe appear before you.**

**Here in this your temple: all within keep silence,
gather now with deepest reverence.**

**You alone God we own,
you, our God and Saviour:
praise your name for ever.**

2 God, reveal your presence:

hear the harps resounding;

see the crowds the throne surrounding.

**'Holy, holy, holy!' Hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending.**

Bow your ear to us here;

hearken, O Lord Jesus, to our humble praises. 1.

**3 O great Fount of blessing, purify my spirit,
trusting only in your merit;
like the holy angels gathered all before you,
may I ceaselessly adore you.
Let your will ever still
rule your church terrestrial, as the hosts celestial.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

God's light brings us clarity, understanding, conviction, and promise. God's light can deliver us to meekness, humility, repentance, and belief.

Call to Worship

Noah was called by God to build and serve.

When Noah followed, he built an ark to preserve life.

Moses was called by God to advocate and lead.

When Moses followed, he led the captives towards freedom.

When Jesus called the disciples to follow Him.

They not only followed Christ, but they became fishers of men.

Hymn Jesus Saw Them Fishing MV#113

**Jesus saw them fishing by the shore of Galilee,
casting out their nets into the sea.**

**Simon Peter, Andrew and the sons of Zebedee,
waiting in their boats so patiently.**

Refrain:

**And Jesus said, “Oh, come and follow me.
Oh, leave behind your nets. I call you.
Oh, some and fish with me,
And your life will never be the same again.”**

**A rich young person came to Jesus looking for advice.
“How can I obtain eternal life?”
Jesus told him, “Honor the commandments of the Lord.
Then sell off all your riches for the poor.”**

**“If you want to follow me deny your very self.
Take up your cross and walk the walk with me.
This might seem a hardship, an impossibility,
But nothing is impossible with God.”**

Opening Prayer

**Softly and tenderly, you have called us to be with You.
Help us, our Lord and our God, to trust in that
invitation, help us to respond with our whole selves to
Your justified and merciful presence. Let our worship,
this day, give us the fortification to follow You always.
Amen.**

Children come forward during the signing of this song

Children's Gathering Song – This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

(Children and teachers leave for Sunday School)

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we must confess, this day, that when we hear Your voice calling, we sometimes resist following. Lord, we must confess, that when we hear Your Word spoken, we sometimes resist listening. Lord we must confess, when we hear Your Image crying out for help, we something ignore you. Lord, we must confess, we need You to keep working on us, keep shaping us, and keep calling us to You.

(Silence for private prayer)

Words of Assurance - Extemporaneous Prayer

Scripture readings:

Psalm 37:1-24 read by Gary Carey

Matthew 4:18-22 read by Rev. Shaw

Message

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!

Membership Liturgy

Rev. Jacob Shaw:

The church is a community of people with varied gifts, united by the Holy Spirit. We gather to celebrate God's presence, welcome the revelation of God's truth, and follow the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord. By our baptism, we are made members of Christ's church. We exercise this membership which for us is The United Church of Canada, and within the context of a local community of faith. We welcome into this congregation those who are already member of the church of Jesus Christ.

Clerk of Session:

On behalf of Mountain View United Church congregation, I present the following persons whom we welcome into the membership of this community of faith:

Earl Nisnisan and Laura-Mae Gabiana; Jason Noble and Shallon Noble; Joan Richardson, Brian Rietzel; James Scofield and Lisa Chevrefils; and Heather Jay.

Rev. Jacob Shaw:

We a community welcome you to reaffirm the faith of your baptism. To the congregation and nominees for membership.

Do you believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

*If so say, **I do, by the grace of God.***

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you seek to resist evil, and to live in love and justice? If so say,

I do, God being my helper.

*Have you turn to Jesus Christ and accepted him as Saviour and Lord? If so say, **I have, by the grace of God.***

*Nominees, will you join with us as brothers and sisters in this congregation to share in the life, work, and ministry of Jesus Christ? If so say, **I will, God being my helper.***

To the pre-existing congregation,

Do you pledge our support and care to all of our nominees?

As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ.

Rev. Jacob Shaw:

Let us formally welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ as members of this local body of God's church!

Hymn: One More Step Along the World I Go Vs.1

VU#639

**1 One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**

Baptismal Liturgy

Rev. Jacob Shaw:

We move into the sacrament of Baptism.

Sisters and Brothers, let us celebrate God's gift of grace given to us in the sacrament of Baptism. As Romans, chapter 6 explains.

What shall we say then? Shall we go on sinning that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died of sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we were buried with him through baptism into death so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, this sacrament is an affirmation of the life solely gained through faith in Jesus Christ.

Clerk of Session

On behalf of the congregation of Mountain View United Church, I present the following persons for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism: Lilly Noble, daughter of Jason & Shallon Noble, Lily Scofield, Jamie Scofield, Josephine Scofield, and Joy Scofield, children of James Scofield & Lisa Anne Chevrefils.

Rev. Jacob Shaw:

To the parents of the nominated children:

In baptism, your children will mark an important step in their journey of faith. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the mission and witness of Christ's Church?

I will, God being my helper

Will you share your faith with your children, growing with them in faith, hope, and love?

I will, God being my helper

Will you pray for your children, encourage them by your words and actions, and walk with them in the ways of Jesus?

I will, God being my helper

To the Godparents of the nominated children:

Will you pray for your God-child, and take care of them as they learn and live in faith?

I will, God being my helper

Will you grow in faith with this child, trusting that, "you are not alone, you live in God's world"?

I will, God being my helper.

To the congregation:

Let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

As a baptized and baptizing people, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith.

May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.
Amen.

Preparing the waters for baptism.

Rev. Jacob pours out the water - All Pray:

Bless are You, O God, King of the Universe, Maker of heaven and earth, sea and sky. In the beginning, Your Spirit was at work over the waters at creation's birth, and You have continued to bless us through water by cleansing, quenching, and liberating ways. In the fullness of time, you gave Jesus to us, nurtured in the waters of Mary's womb, baptized in the waters of the River Jordan, giver of living water, wellspring of eternal life. Pour out, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this water, that this font may become a font of blessing and a source of Your grace. All glory, praise, and honour be to you, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Baptism, Blessing, and marked with the sign of the cross

Lilly, Lilly, Jamie, Josephine, Joy

Laying of Hands and Congregational Blessing

Lilly, Lilly, Jamie, Josephine, and Joy may the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Presentation of Children and Families to Congregation

Hymn: One More Step Along the World I Go

Vs.2VU#639

**2 Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.**

Invitation to Share our Offering

***Offering Song "Give Thanks"**

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given. Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong

Let the poor say I am rich.

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

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Prayers of the People

Offertory, Personal Prayer, Lord's Prayer given to God

Hymn We Are Marching VU#646

**1 We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)**

**We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)**

**We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.**

Benediction

We go out rejoicing in the Lord, our God, for Jesus has called us to follow him. We go out rejoicing in the Lord, our God, for Jesus has called us to share the Gospel with the world.

Sung Benediction: You Shall Go Out with Joy VU#884

**You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap) the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap) the trees of the field will clap their hands
(clap, clap) while you go out with joy.**

Postlude † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Bulletins today are to the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of David Eagles, placed by children; Brian, Brent, Beth and sister, Mary Allen. And In Memory of Carol Eagles placed by children and sister-in-law Mary Allen.

**Monday, Sept. 16th – UCW Esther Unit 1:00 p.m. Parlour
Tuesday, Sept. 17th – Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Parlour
Tuesday, Sept. 17th – Executive Council 7:00 p.m.
Boardroom**

**Wednesday, Sept 18th –Social Jusice(Outreach) 1:30 p.m.
Parlour**

Thursday, Sept. 19th – Parent/Child 6-8 p.m.

Sept. 21st, 2024 Free Workshop 1-4 p.m. St. Paul's United Church, Cleveland Ave., Riverview. Diversity: How can our churches be radical intentional Welcoming & inclusive in today's global village. Facilitators: Shepherd Munikwa (Justice, Mission Outreach) and Sharon Ballantyne (Growth Animator). To register, email Sharon at sballantyne@united-church.ca or call her at 705-875-8837.

Apple Pie Sales: October 5th & 19th. Sign up sheets for volunteers and pie orders for both dates are in the narthex.

October 6th, join us for a time of fellowship with Mark & Janet Lloyd, to acknowledge the ministry of music and worship they shared with us here at Mountain View. There will be a basket in the narthex for anyone who wishes to bring a card of appreciation.

Fall Fair Date: November 9th/24. Items needed are: Silent Auction items, Bake Table, Pickles & Fudge, Breads, Jams, and Jellies, Attic Treasures, Christmas items, Crafts and Fancy Work (knitted or crocheted items, etc.), Books, CDs, and DVD's, Puzzles & Games, Jewelry, Plants, Scarves and Purses. All contributions are appreciated.

Sunday Sept. 15th Covenanting Service between St. Paul's Pastoral Charge, the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region and David-Roger Gagnon. The service of Covenanting will begin 3 pm at 404 Cleveland Ave. Riverview, followed by a reception. Everyone is welcome for this very special celebration.

Psalm 37:1-24

**Do not fret because of those who are evil
or be envious of those who do wrong;
for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.**

**Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

**Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this:
He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.**

**Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.
Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret—it leads only to evil.
For those who are evil will be destroyed,
but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.**

**A little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look for them, they will not be found.**

**But the meek will inherit the land
and enjoy peace and prosperity.**

**The wicked plot against the righteous
and gnash their teeth at them;
but the Lord laughs at the wicked,
for he knows their day is coming.**

**The wicked draw the sword
and bend the bow
to bring down the poor and needy,
to slay those whose ways are upright.
But their swords will pierce their own hearts,
and their bows will be broken.**

**Better the little that the righteous have
than the wealth of many wicked;
for the power of the wicked will be broken,
but the Lord upholds the righteous.**

**The blameless spend their days under the Lord's care,
and their inheritance will endure forever.
In times of disaster they will not wither;
in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.**

**But the wicked will perish:
Though the Lord's enemies are like the flowers of the
field,
they will be consumed, they will go up in smoke.**

**The wicked borrow and do not repay,
but the righteous give generously;
those the Lord blesses will inherit the land,
but those he curses will be destroyed.**

**The Lord makes firm the steps
of the one who delights in him;
though he may stumble, he will not fall,
for the Lord upholds him with his hand.**

Matthew 4:18-22

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.