

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH

85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3

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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 This is The Day VU#412

**This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

**Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.**

**Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.**

Open to us, open to us your gates, O God.

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**You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We are a people who remember. We remember the gift of creation. We remember the history of our ancestors. We remember the revelation of God's light, love and sacrifice. We remember to carry all that God has given us like a light into the darkness. *[Light the Christ Candle]*

Call to Worship

The Bible teaches that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

And we discover God's love is the fulfillment of wisdom.
How do we thus grow in wisdom?

We begin in fear of the Lord and rest in God's eternal love.

And when we fear and love the Lord our God.

We shall have peace of heart with courage and strength.

Hymn Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ VU#573

- 1 Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,
I know not how to ask or what to say;
I only know my need, as deep as life,
and only you can teach me how to pray.**

- 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
help me to see your purpose and your will,
where I have failed, what I have done amiss;
held in forgiving love, let me be still.**

- 3 Come with the vision and the strength I need
to serve my God, and all humanity;
fulfillment of my life in love outpoured -
my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.**

Opening Prayer

Lord, we give our gratitude to You for all the ways Your mercy falls upon us. Help us to be merciful and forgiving to others, walking in Your example. Help us to live of a life of mercy, justice, and love for these gifts come from Your being. Let our worship this day, make us aware of the forgiveness which you have graced to us. Amen.

Children come forward during the signing of this song
Children's Gathering Song – I've Got The Joy Joy Joy

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and Eternal Lord, we confess to You this day, that we do not always forgive our offenders. We confess that sometimes our heart hangs on to resentment and pride. Help us, teach us, heal us from these sins. Liberate us from the shackles of an unforgiving heart. Amen.

(Silence for private prayer)

Words of Assurance

Scripture readings:

Psalm 86:1-17 read by Regina Cote

Matthew 18:21-35 read by Rev. Shaw

Message

Communion Hymn We Gather Here VU#469

**1 We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving son God fashions us as one:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.**

**No one is a stranger here, - everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs.**

**2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.**

**We are now a family of which Christ is the head;
though unseen he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.**

**3 We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.**

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Go out into the streets and lanes,
bring in the poor, the blind, and the lame.
Go out into the roads and alleyways,
compel people to come in,
that my house may be filled.
and my feast may be complete.

Luke 14:21-24

Call to Give Thanks

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving

It is indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God, for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image:

male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,

you did not cease to care for us,

but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,

and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people
from bondage into freedom;

through the prophets you renewed
your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,

we give you thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Song of Creation

**Holy, Holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Remembering Jesus at Table

Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your child Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the Mother and Father of us all.
He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts
and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the Good News of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.
On the night he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and after giving thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples.
And said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given
for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine;

and after giving thanks, gave it to them, and said,
“Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Prayer of Self-Giving

Gracious God, by the death of your child you have destroyed the power of death, and by raising him to life you have given us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Affirmation of Memory and Hope

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Transformation

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, O God, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body, one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Concluding Praise

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

With Jesus, we pray together, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and filling of the Cup

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

Jesus Christ, the True Vine.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Prayer after Communion

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world united in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Invitation to Share Offering

Offertory Hymn: 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.

Give thanks. Give Thanks.

Prayers of the People

Offertory, Personal Prayers, Given to God

Hymn Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive VU#364

- 1 'Forgive our sins as we forgive,'
you taught us, Christ, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.**
- 2 How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs, and will not let
old bitterness depart?**
- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!**

**4 O cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.**

Benediction

**We are forgiven, let our heart embrace God's forgiveness.
We will embrace God's forgiveness until it become
our forgiveness for others.**

Sung Benediction: Wherever You May Go MV#216

**Refrain: Whereever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

**1.Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away, we will travel side by side
and God's love will be our guide. R**

**2.From beginning to the end
I will always be your friend, when you need me,
I'll be there, you can trust my faithful care. R**

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

Upcoming Events & Announcements

**Today: Coffee & Conversation in the Church Hall
following the Service of Worship**

Tuesday, Nov. 5th - Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Boardroom

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Thursday, Nov. 7th-Parent/Child (women lead) 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov 9th – Fall Fair 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Nov. 30th – Crafts & Baking Market, Mountain View
United, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Free admission.**

Mountain View's Fall Fair Nov. 9th- Thank you to those who have already given items for Silent Auction, if you have items for the Silent Auction bring them into the office. (letters for businesses you may frequent are on the table in the narthex, Also needed: baking, pickles, fudge, breads, jams, jellies, Attic Treasures, Christmas items, crafts, books, CD's, DVD's puzzles & games, jewelry, plants, scarves & purses. If you have any card tables we can use please contact the office 506-857-4817.

Nov. 2nd – Pancake Breakfast, Mount Royal United Church, real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, toast, juice, tea or coffee. Briggs maple products for sale.

Nov. 2nd – Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon, St. John’s United Church. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Luncheon \$12.00 or Family \$26.00 & served from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Corn Chowder or Chicken Soup, roll, pies and beverage.

Nov. 11th – Choeur Louisbourg Choir, Lest We Forget Concert, Mount Royal United Church, 3 pm with Carl Philippe Gionet, piano and Emily Kennedy and our own Music Director, Jason Noble. Tickets \$30.00, available from choir members, at the door or by reservation
(506)-232-6591)

Offering: Your offering can be placed in the offering plates located just inside the sanctuary doors on the left side. If you would like offering envelopes please call the church office at 506-857-4817. Donations may also be made by e-transfer to mtviewteller@gmail.com

Psalm 86

A prayer of David.

- ¹ Hear me, LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
- ² Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.
You are my God; ³ have mercy on me, Lord,
for I call to you all day long.
- ⁴ Bring joy to your servant, Lord,
for I put my trust in you.
- ⁵ You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.
- ⁶ Hear my prayer, LORD;
listen to my cry for mercy.
- ⁷ When I am in distress, I call to you,
because you answer me.
- ⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.
- ⁹ All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.
- ¹⁰ For you are great and do marvelous deeds;
you alone are God.

- ¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.
- ¹² I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever.
- ¹³ For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.
- ¹⁴ Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God;
ruthless people are trying to kill me—
they have no regard for you.
- ¹⁵ But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.
- ¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me;
show your strength in behalf of your servant;
save me, because I serve you
just as my mother did.
- ¹⁷ Give me a sign of your goodness,
that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,
for you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Matthew 18:21-35

New International Version

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.^[a]

²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold^[b] was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.^[c] He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”