MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH 85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost-October 27th, 2024

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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 Come All You People MV#2

lead by Shepherd Munikwa

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari, (3x) Uyai mose zvino.

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker, Come all you people, come and praise your Maker, Come all you people, come and praise your Maker, Come now and worship the Lord.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Our creator gifted us the breath of life, our redeemer has granted us living waters, and the sustainer has gifted us with the flames of the Spirit. Let us rejoice in thanksgiving for the generosity of our God.

[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 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing VU#559

- 1 Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of endless praise.

 Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

 Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.
- Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come, come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God, came to rescue me from danger, precious presence, precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debt or daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known: here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

Opening Prayer

Lord, we humbly come today, as sisters and brothers, seeking wisdom in faith. We ask that the hymns we sing, the prayers we pray, and the scripture we dance with, remind us of the glory that is your name. May Your name inspire in us a great wisdom and a direction for our lives. Amen.

Children come forward during the signing of this song Children's Gathering Song – Like a Rock MV#92
Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky, God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean,
our home is in God evermore.

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we admit that we often fear people of the world and the social pressures of society more than we do You, our God. Sometimes we bow to the stresses, anxieties, and tensions of this material existence, instead of seeking Your strength first. Help us know, to come to you first before all, to seek Your wisdom and strength, Your power and glory. Amen.

(Silence for private prayer)

Words of Assurance

Scripture readings:

Psalm 111:1-10 read by Lorna Gabiana

Matthew 10:16-31 read by Rev. Shaw

Message

Hymn I Need Thee Every Hour VU#671

1 I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice but thine can peace afford.

I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee. O bless me now, my Saviour; I come to thee.

2 I need thee every hour; stay thou near by; temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. R

- 3 I need thee every hour, in joy or pain; come quickly and abide, or life is vain. R
- 4 I need thee every hour; teach me thy will; and thy rich promises in me fulfil. R

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, and Lord's Prayer Given to God

Hymn When We Are Living VU#581

1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.

- Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 3 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 4 Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Benediction

Be wise in knowing that God is our Judge and our Hope. In life, in death, and in life beyond death.

God is with us, we are not alone, thanks be to God!

Sung Benediction: May the God of Hope Go with Us VU424 May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all, working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Today: Community Dinner, volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated.

Monday, Oct 28th - Book Club 1:30 p.m. Parlour Tuesday, Oct 29th - Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Parlour

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

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, 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)

Oct. 29th – Mount Royal United Church Halloween Muffin & Coffee Party. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free Will offering, craft & bake table.

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.

Psalm 7:1-17

Lord my God, I take refuge in you;

save and deliver me from all who pursue me,

or they will tear me apart like a lion

and rip me to pieces with no one to rescue me.

Lord my God, if I have done this and there is guilt on my hands—
if I have repaid my ally with evil or without cause have robbed my foe—
then let my enemy pursue and overtake me;

let him trample my life to the ground and make me sleep in the dust.

Arise, Lord, in your anger;

rise up against the rage of my enemies.

Awake, my God; decree justice.

Let the assembled peoples gather around you,

while you sit enthroned over them on high.

Let the Lord judge the peoples.

Vindicate me, Lord, according to my righteousness, according to my integrity, O Most High.

Bring to an end the violence of the wicked

and make the righteous secure—you, the righteous God

who probes minds and hearts.

My shield is God Most High, who saves the upright in heart.

God is a righteous judge, a God who displays his wrath every day.

If he does not relent, he will sharpen his sword;

he will bend and string his bow.

He has prepared his deadly weapons; he makes ready his flaming arrows.

Whoever is pregnant with evil conceives trouble and gives birth to disillusionment.

Whoever digs a hole and scoops it out

falls into the pit they have made.

The trouble they cause recoils on them; their violence comes down on their own heads.

I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness;

I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High.

Matthew 16:6-12

"Be careful," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

They discussed this among themselves and said, "It is because we didn't bring any bread."

Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, "You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread? Do you still not understand?

Don't you remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered?

How is it you don't understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.