

**Mountain View United Church**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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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 See the Morning Sun Ascending VU#406**

- 1 See the morning sun ascending,  
radiant in the eastern sky;  
hear the angel voices blending  
in their praise to God on high!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Glory be to God on high!**
- 2 So may we, in lowly station,  
join the choristers above;  
singing with the whole creation,  
praising you for your great love.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Glory be to God above!**

**3 For your loving-kindness ever  
shed upon our earthly way;  
or your mercy, ceasing never,  
for your blessing day by day:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Glory be to God alway!**

**4 'Wisdom, honour, power, and blessing!'  
with the angelic host we cry;  
round your throne, your name confessing,  
now we would to you draw nigh.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Glory be to God on high!**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Our hearts can beat like a drum. Our voices can sing a tune.  
Let our worship be as a chorus joining the glorious choirs of  
heaven.

### **Call to Worship**

Lord, we come together as brothers and sisters to worship our  
Creator.

**It is right to give the Lord our thanks and praise.**

We come together to renew our faith and find strength in God.

**It is right to lean evermore into the Lord, our God.**

Let us embolden our faith, and seek a deeper relationship with  
Jesus.

**May we take time to pause and dwell with God.**

## **Hymn Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart VU#629**

- 1 Eternal light, shine in my heart;  
eternal hope, lift up my eyes;  
eternal power, be my support;  
eternal wisdom, make me wise.**
  
- 2 Eternal life, raise me from death;  
eternal brightness, make me see;  
eternal Spirit, give me breath;  
eternal Saviour, come to me,**
  
- 3 until by your most costly grace,  
invited by your holy word,  
at last I come before your face  
to know you, my eternal God.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Heavenly Father, we come before You with humble hearts, seeking Your divine presence to envelop this gathering. As we assemble in Your name, we earnestly desire the movement of Your Spirit among us, preparing our hearts and minds for worship. Amen**

*Children come forward during the signing of this song*

## **Children's Gathering Song**

### **Jesus Loves Me**

**Vss 1&2**

**1 Jesus loves me, this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
in his love we shall be strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**2 Jesus loves me, this I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee,  
saying, 'Let them come to me.' R**

## **Ministry of Music**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Father in heaven, we thank You for the freedom You have given us through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves; avoiding you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing Your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. Amen.**

*(Silence for private prayer)*

## **Words of Assurance**

### **Scripture readings:**

**Psalm 119:9-16 read by Mary Hebert**

**How can a young person stay on the path of purity?**

**By living according to your word.**

**<sup>10</sup> I seek you with all my heart;  
do not let me stray from your commands.**

**<sup>11</sup> I have hidden your word in my heart  
that I might not sin against you.**

**<sup>12</sup> Praise be to you, Lord;  
teach me your decrees.**

**<sup>13</sup> With my lips I recount  
all the laws that come from your mouth.**

**<sup>14</sup> I rejoice in following your statutes  
as one rejoices in great riches.**

**<sup>15</sup> I meditate on your precepts  
and consider your ways.**

**<sup>16</sup> I delight in your decrees;  
I will not neglect your word.**

## **Matthew 6:1-18 read by Rev. Shaw**

**6 “Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.**

**2 “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.**

**3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,**

**4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.**

### ***Prayer***

**5 “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.**

**6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.**

**7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.**

**8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.**

**9 “This, then, is how you should pray:**

**“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**10 your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**11 Give us today our daily bread.**

**12 And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

**13 And lead us not into temptation,<sup>[a]</sup>  
but deliver us from the evil one.<sup>[b]</sup>**

**14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against  
you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.**

**15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father  
will not forgive your sins.**

### **Fasting**

**16 “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do,  
for they disfigure their faces to show others they are  
fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in  
full.**

**17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your  
face,**

**18 so that it will not be obvious to others that you are  
fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your  
Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.**

### **Message**

## **Hymn      In The Garden**

**I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses**

### **Chorus**

**And He walks with me, And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known**

**He speaks and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing** Chorus

**I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho' the night around me be falling  
But He bids me go thro' the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling      *Chorus***

**Invitation to Share Offering**



**\*Offering Song For the Gift of Creation VU#538**

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Lord, we give to you our lives, may this offering be a symbol  
of our commitment to Your way, Your truth, and Your life.  
Please multiply these gifts so they may serve to increase  
Your ministry. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Offertory, Personal Prayers, Lord's Prayer, Given to God**

**Hymn We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection  
VU586**

**1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;  
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of new life in Christ.**

**2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,  
expressive love alive in every heart.  
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,  
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,  
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,  
including all in circles of our love.**

### **Benediction**

Let us leave knowing God calls us to be with Him, in prayerful quiet, peace, and devotion.

### **\*Sung Benediction: Go Now In Peace**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid,  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

**Postlude    † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †**

**Today: Please join us for lunch and the Annual Meeting**

**Monday: Mountain View UCW 1:30 p.m. Parlour**

**Tuesday: Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Parlour**

**Wednesday: Choir practice 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary**

**Thursday: Parent & Child Night (Men lead program)**

**5:30-7:30 p.m. Church Hall**

**Next Sunday: Community Dinner, volunteers are always welcome and greatly appreciated.**

**There are sign up sheets on the table in the narthex for scripture readers, for taking up the offering, prayer requests, and requests for church envelopes.**

**Sign up sheet is in the narthex for anyone who would like to do a solo during our future Services of Worship.**

**Lent Study will start March 6<sup>th</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup> on Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m.**

**If Church Service is cancelled due to the weather, call the office 506-857-4817, the phone message will be changed..**

**The 2024 Tax receipts have been mailed out.**

**March 4<sup>th</sup> – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper here at Mountain View. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Come and join us for Pancakes with sausage & baked beans, dessert, tea/coffee. Adults \$12.00 and children under 10 free.**