

**Mountain View United Church
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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 In, Come In and Sit Down VU#395

Come in, come in and sit down,

you are a part of the family.

We are lost and we are found,

and we are a part of the family.

**1 You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. R**

**2 God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. R**

**3 There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. R**

**4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. R**

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

There has been a marriage between the bride and the
bridegroom.

We feast, we celebrate, we rejoice.

By banquet, breaking bread, and sharing of wine, we celebrate
unity by faith.

Let us be unified as one family under God.

Let nothing pull apart what has come together before the Lord
our God.

We feast, we celebrate, we rejoice.

Hymn Love Us into Fullness MV#81

**Love us into fullness, touch us with your grace.
Jesus in your mercy, draw us to your face.
Love us into fullness, hold us in your care,
Cheer us with your presence, here and everywhere.
Love us into fullness, and we will be strong;
Jesus, walk beside us, fill our hearts with song!**

Opening Prayer

Father in heaven, we seek the church's unity with Your son. We long for our lives to intertwine with Your eternal truth. May our worship be a love song that resonates with the vibrations of Your magnificent voice. 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

Lord, we come to rejoice in the unity between Christ and church, but often our eyes wander, our hearts twist towards false desire, and we violate our covenant with You. We repent, and we seek your mercy and love once again. Help us to be faithful, loyal, and true.

(Silence for private prayer)

Words of Assurance

Scripture readings:

Song of Songs 8:6-7 read by Juliana Adebi Sarpong

⁶ Place me like a seal over your heart,
like a seal on your arm;
for love is as strong as death,
its jealousy unyielding as the grave.
It burns like blazing fire,
like a mighty flame.

⁷ Many waters cannot quench love;
rivers cannot sweep it away.
If one were to give
all the wealth of one's house for love,
it would be utterly scorned.

Matthew 5:27-30 read by Rev. Shaw

Adultery

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.

²⁸ ’But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Message

Communion Hymn Now to Your Table Spread VU#456

**1 Now to your table spread
we come, each one in faith
that you alone provide the words of life and death:
in wine and bread, in promised food
we find your loving heart, O God.**

**2 Hands of the world stretch out
your mystery to touch
in longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,
to sing in joy, to cry in grief,
to know your meaning for our life.**

**3 Here is our common wealth
in sharing what is good,
as though all humankind around one table stood,
this bread to break, this wine to taste:
one people in the name of Christ.**

**Communion and Lord's Prayer (see insert)
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

***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

Let the fruit of our hand be given unto You, our Lord our God, that Your wisdom may transform to serve Your will and Your glory. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offertory, Personal Prayers, Given to God

Hymn Living Christ, Bring Us Love VU#599

**1 Living Christ, bring us love,
love for every stranger;
Living Christ, bring us love,
love from cross and manger.**

**2 Living Christ, bring us joy,
joy of earth and heaven;
Living Christ, bring us joy,
joy of sin forgiven.**

**3 Living Christ, bring us peace,
peace with God and neighbour;
Living Christ, bring us peace,
peace in all our labour.**

**4 Living Christ, bring us love,
love shared at your table;
Living Christ, bring us love,
love from cross and stable.**

**5 Living Christ, lead us out,
out to tell the story;
Living Christ, lead us out,
out to show your glory.**

Benediction

Let us go out in unity and in celebration, fed and renewed by God's table, and with the hope for a wonderful day with Christ as our completion.

***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 in the church hall following the Service of Worship for Coffee & Conversation.

Tuesday:	Bible Study	1:00 p.m.	Parlour
Wednesday:	Choir practice	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Thursday:	Parent & Child Night (Women lead program)		
	6-8 p.m.		Church Hall

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.

February 16th: Annual meeting Sunday. For the lunch this year we ask for sweets (no nuts please) from families with last names A-L and sandwiches from family names M-Z. Everyone welcome.

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

Mountain View UCW will be holding a Valentine Coffee/Tea Party in the church hall on Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 2-4 p.m. This is a free event and all are welcome. We ask that you put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you plan on attending, so we will know how many to prepare for.

Coffee and Conversation supplies are low so donations for sweets would be greatly appreciated.

The 2024 Tax receipts are on the table in the Narthex.

Feb. 8th - St. Paul's United Church, 404 Cleveland Ave., Riverview, New to You clothing sale, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Clothing, footwear and accessories for all ages.

March 4th – 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.