

**Mountain View United Church**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**March 2, 2025**

**Communion Sunday**

**Worship Leader**  
**Director of Music**  
**Office Administrator**  
**Custodian**



**Rev. Jacob Shaw**  
**Jason Noble**  
**Liz Simmons**  
**Carson McDavid**

**Prelude/Gathering Music**

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

**Words of Welcome/Announcements**

**Gathering Song: Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary MV18**

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true,  
With thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living, sanctuary for you.**

**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**

Let us draw nearer to God with our worship.

**With sincere hearts, seeking His perfect will in every aspect of our lives.**

Let us rejoice in the perfect goodness of God,

**Expressing in prayer, song, and contemplation our gratitude.**

As we gather in His Presence, may our hearts be to receive God revelation.

**May we experience God fullness and unity this day.**

**Hymn I Can Feel You Near Me God MV#48**

**I can feel you near me God**

**I can feel you near**

**Yes I know you're with me God**

**I feel you here**

**I can feel you near me God**

**I can feel you near**

**Yes I know you're with me God**

**Heaven is here.**

**Refrain:**

**And I'll jump for joy**

**I'm singing Alleluia**

**Jump for joy for you**

**I will jump for joy**

**I'm singing Alleluia**

**Jump for joy for you.**

**I can feel you loving me  
Yes I know you care  
God I know you're loving me  
Always everywhere  
I can feel you loving me  
Yes I know you care  
God I know you're loving me  
I know you're there.        R**

**Refrain:**

**And I'll jump for joy  
I'm singing Alleluia  
Jump for joy for you  
I will jump for joy  
I'm singing Alleluia  
Jump for joy for you.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Lord, we seek Your perfection like a shining star in the sky, like a beckoning light on the horizon. Guide us into a worship and enthrall us in Your presence, that we might know You better. Amen**

*Children come forward during the signing of this song*  
**Children's Gathering Song**

## **I've Got Peace like a River VU#577 Vss 1&3**

- 1** I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
- 3** I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

## **Ministry of Music**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God, we confess that we have not always been the people  
You created us to be. We fail to love, as You love. Forgive  
us, and transform our hearts, renew our minds, and draw  
us closer to Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

*(Silence for private prayer)*

## **Words of Assurance**

**Scripture readings:**

**James 1:12-18 read by Regina Cote**

**<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.**

**<sup>13</sup> When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;**

**<sup>14</sup> but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.**

**<sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.**

**<sup>16</sup> Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters.**

**<sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.**

**<sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.**

## **Matthew 5:43-48 read by Rev. Shaw**

**43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor<sup>[a]</sup> and hate your enemy.’**

**44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,**

**45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.**

**46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?**

**47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?**

**48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**

## **Message**

**Hymn Jesus on the Mountain Peak VU#102**

**1 Jesus on the mountain peak  
stands alone in glory blazing;  
let us, if we dare to speak,  
join the saints and angels praising. Hallelujah!**

- 2 Trembling at his feet we saw  
Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the law  
shout through them their joyful greeting: Hallelujah!**
- 3 Swift the cloud of glory came,  
God proclaiming, in its thunder,  
Jesus as the Son by name!  
Nations, cry aloud in wonder: Hallelujah!**
- 4 This is God's beloved son!  
Law and prophets sing before him,  
first and last and only One.  
All creation shall adore him! Hallelujah!**

## **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 Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands  
VU#537**

- 1 Your work, O God, needs many hands  
to help you everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve  
unless our gifts we share.**
- 2 Because we love you and your work,  
our offering now we make:  
be pleased to use it as your own,  
we ask for Jesus' sake.**

## **Offertory Prayer**

**Let these gifts be a symbol to the giving of ourselves to  
You, our Lord our God. Let them be used to serve Your  
purposes, and may we be humble enough to know them.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**Offertory, Personal Prayers, Given to God**



**Hymn      My Love Colours Outside the Lines      MV#138**

**My love colours outside the lines,  
Exploring paths that few could ever find;  
And takes me into places, Where I've never been before,  
And opens doors, to the worlds outside the lines.**

**My Lord colours outside the lines,  
Turns wounds to blessing, water into wine:  
And takes me into places where I've never been before,  
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.**

**Refrain:**

**We'll never walk on water,  
if we're not prepared to drown  
body and soul need a soaking from time to time,  
and we'll never move the gravestones,  
if we're not prepared to die, and realize  
there are worlds outside the lines.**

**My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
Tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine:  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries,  
Where I've never been before, throw open doors,  
To the worlds outside the lines.                      R**

**My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
Tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine:  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries,  
Where I've never been before, throw open doors,  
To the worlds outside the lines.**

### **Benediction**

Know that God's perfection is what calls to you, that wants you to be eternally with the Father, Son and Spirit. Let us rest knowing our call to perfection is compliment by the One who is truly perfect. Let us go out in hope.

**\*Sung Benediction: May the God of Hope Go with Us  
VU#424**

- 1 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.**
- 2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed. R**

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

**Bulletin today are to the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of Barbara Dubeau placed by daughter, Mary Hebert and family.**

**Today: Coffee & Conversation in the church hall  
Following the Service of Worship**

**Tuesday: Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Parlour  
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.  
Note: Sign up sheet are in the church hall for volunteers and donations.**

**Wednesday: Ash Wednesday Service 12 noon Church Hall**

**Choir practice 7:00 p.m. Church Hall**

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

**Thursday: No Parent/Child Night this week (March Break)**

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

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

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

The Children's Dyslexia Learning Centre would like to share a volunteer opportunity. We are looking for a **Board Chair and Treasurer** to join our team and help guide our mission of supporting children with Dyslexia in their learning journey. A brief overview of the roles is on the table in the church hall.