

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

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*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



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

**Gathering Music**

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

**Words of Welcome/Announcements**

**Gathering Song Open Your Ears, O Faithful People VU272**

- 1 Open your ears, O faithful people,  
open your ears and hear God's word.  
Open your hearts, O faithful people,  
God now speaks to you.  
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!  
And those words are words of wisdom,  
hallelujah! Hallelujah!**
- 2 They who have ears to hear the message,  
they who have ears, now let them hear.  
They who would learn the way of wisdom,  
let them hear God's word. R**

## **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

We gather to celebrate God's light. We also confess our nature, which often seeks to snuff out God's light. Let us pray, fast, and seek refuge in the Lord our God, as we come to find a deeper appreciation for our Savior.

## **Call to Worship**

O God, You are our God; earnestly we seek You;

**our souls thirst for You; our flesh faints for You.**

We have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.

**Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.**

We give you thanks with all our hearts;

**We will sing Your praise before the heavenly being**

**Hymn          Wellspring of Wisdom          VU#287**

**1    Wellspring of wisdom, hear our cry.**

**The way ahead is parched and dry.**

**We seek a source to satisfy**

**our thirst for sanctifying waters,**

**wisdom for your faith-filled sons and daughters.**

**2    Dawn of a new day, put to flight**

**the terrors of a nuclear night.**

**As bearers of your loving light,**

**we huddle closer to your fire,**

**lift the lamp of hope a little higher.**

- 3    Garden of grace, your gifts abound,  
the sacred signs are all around,  
the whole of earth is holy ground.  
We learn, from all of life expressing,  
how to grow in sowing seeds of blessing.**
- 4    Call to compassion, help us bring  
our burning need for nurturing,  
the emptiness of everything  
to your embrace, as we endeavour  
to proclaim your holy name forever.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Lord of lords, King of kings, we seek the wisdom of faith,  
we seek the warmth of Your grace. We come ready to  
worship, ready to pray, ready to proclaim the good news  
of the Gospel. Let our minds come alive with the wisdom  
of Your revelation. Amen.**

### **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**

**Almighty God, we come before You with humble hearts, acknowledging our foolishness and the times we have acted against Your will. We confess that we have made mistakes, spoken words we regret, and followed paths that have led us astray. Help us to recognize my foolishness and to choose a path of wisdom and humility. Amen.**

### **Scripture readings:**

**Proverbs 26:1-12 read by Sheila Huntley**

**Like snow in summer or rain in harvest,  
honor is not fitting for a fool.**

**<sup>2</sup> Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow,  
an undeserved curse does not come to rest.**

**<sup>3</sup> A whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey,  
and a rod for the backs of fools!**

**<sup>4</sup> Do not answer a fool according to his folly,  
or you yourself will be just like him.**

**<sup>5</sup> Answer a fool according to his folly,  
or he will be wise in his own eyes.**

**<sup>6</sup> Sending a message by the hands of a fool  
is like cutting off one's feet or drinking poison.**

**<sup>7</sup> Like the useless legs of one who is lame  
is a proverb in the mouth of a fool.**

**<sup>8</sup> Like tying a stone in a sling  
is the giving of honor to a fool.**

**<sup>9</sup> Like a thornbush in a drunkard's hand  
is a proverb in the mouth of a fool.**

**<sup>10</sup> Like an archer who wounds at random  
is one who hires a fool or any passer-by.**

**<sup>11</sup> As a dog returns to its vomit,  
so fools repeat their folly.**

**<sup>12</sup> Do you see a person wise in their own eyes?  
There is more hope for a fool than for them.**

## **Matthew 7:1-6 read by Rev. Shaw**

### **Judging Others**

**7 “Do not judge, or you too will be judged.**

**<sup>2</sup> For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.**

**<sup>3</sup> “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?**

**<sup>4</sup> How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?**

**<sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.**

**<sup>6</sup> “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.**

### **Message**

**Hymn Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ VU573**

- 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.**

**Invitation to Share Offering**

**\*Offering Song Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands  
VU537**

- 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**

**Heavenly Father, thank You for Your abundant generosity. As we give today, open our hearts to be more generous, reflecting Your love. Bless these offerings to further Your kingdom and bless us as cheerful givers. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**Offertory, Personal Prayers, 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.**
- 2    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**

May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

## **\*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    † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †**

**Today: Please join us for Coffee & Conversation following  
the Service of Worship.**

**Monday: Mountain View UCW      1:30 p.m.    Parlour**  
**Tuesday: Bible Study                      1:00 p.m.    Parlour**  
**Lay Pastoral Care Team    10 a.m.   Church Hall**  
**Wednesday: 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.**

**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, & 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.**

**Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated to The Pancake Supper and Bake Table, \$1624.00 was total For Supper and \$430.00 for the Bake Table.**