

Mountain View United Church
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Gathering Music

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

Words of Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Song Morning Has Broken VU#409

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**
- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

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

Lord we ask for Your presence to be made known to us.

Lord send Your Spirit to blow through this house of worship.

Lord we seek Your revelation, we want to know Your Son.

Lord grant us Your mercy and grace known to us by the cross.

Lord we knock at the gates of Your Kingdom, seeking refuge.

Heavenly Father, grant us refuge in Your everlasting arms.

Hymn Come, Let Us Sing of A Wonderful Love – MVF#2

**Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true;
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.**

**Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame:
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.**

**Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam? why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.**

**Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love;
come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.**

Opening Prayer

**Lord, we come before you today, remembering Your
promise: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and
you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”
Help us to not only ask, but to seek Your will with
persistence, and to knock on the doors of opportunity
with faith, knowing that You are a good and gracious.
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

**Lord, we come before you with a humble heart,
acknowledging our shortcomings and failings. We have not
always sought Your guidance, nor have we knocked on the
door of your presence with the persistence You desire. Yet,
we ask for Your forgiveness, seek Your grace, and knock
on the door of Your mercy. May we be renewed in Your
love and guided by Your Spirit. Amen.**

Scripture readings:

Proverbs 8:12-21

Good News Translation

- ¹² I am Wisdom, and I have insight;
I have knowledge and sound judgment.
- ¹³ To honor the LORD is to hate evil;
I hate pride and arrogance,
evil ways and false words.
- ¹⁴ I make plans and carry them out.
I have understanding, and I am strong.
- ¹⁵ I help kings to govern
and rulers to make good laws.
- ¹⁶ Every ruler on earth governs with my help,
officials and nobles alike.
- ¹⁷ I love those who love me;
whoever looks for me can find me.
- ¹⁸ I have riches and honor to give,
prosperity and success.
- ¹⁹ What you get from me is better than the finest gold,
better than the purest silver.
- ²⁰ I walk the way of righteousness;
I follow the paths of justice,
- ²¹ giving wealth to those who love me,
filling their houses with treasures.

Matthew 7:7-12 read by Rev. Shaw

⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹ “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

¹² So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Message

Hymn Softly and Tenderly MVF#73

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling—

Calling for you and for me;

Patiently Jesus is waiting and watching—

Watching for you and for me!

R: Come home! come home!

Ye who are weary, come home!

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,

Calling, O sinner, come home!

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading—
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies—
Mercies for you and for me? R**

**Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing—
Passing from you and from me;
Shadows are gathering, death-beds are coming—
Coming for you and for me! R**

**Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised—
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon—
Pardon for you and for me! R**

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

Lord, we seek You, because You sought us first. Your love has gifted us first, so we gift You in return, in our worship in praise we share with Your Kingdom. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

Hymn Jesus Christ Is Waiting VU#117

- 1 Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
*Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.**
- 2 Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
*Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.**
- 3 Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
*Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.**
- 4 Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
*Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.**

**5 Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
*Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.**

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 † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †

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

Wednesday: Scrapbooking 9-11:30 a.m. Boardroom
Choir practice 7:00 p.m. Church Hall

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

There is a sign up sheet in the church hall for anyone who wishes to become a member of our church at Easter Service.

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

Thank you from the Coffee and Conversation team to those who provided items for our cupboard and fridge. We are now good and ready for ongoing Coffee & Conversation times and are no longer in need of items for the time being.

Thursday March 27th, from 10:30 to 1:30 our Social Justice Committee invite you for Adult Fellowship at People Park Tower (Camden Tea Room) for games and Fellowship we can order a light lunch at your expense so come and join us.

Anyone wishing to have Church Envelopes please call the office at 506-857-4817. If you do not have envelopes and are using the extra envelopes available, please put your name and address on the envelope so we can issue a tax receipt for you at year end.

If you know of anyone or you would like a home visit or hospital visit from Rev. Shaw please call the church office 506-857-4817 and let us know. Thank you.

Indoor Yard Sale: April 11th 5:30-8 p.m. & April 12th 8 -11 a.m. Mount Royal United Church, 106 Mount Royal Blvd.

April 3rd (10 am-9 pm Silent Auction/ Dessert 2-4 & 7-9 pm
April 4th (10 am-4 pm Silent Auction/ Dessert 2-4 pm
St. John's United Church, 75 Alma St., Victoria St.
entrance) \$7.50/serving for dessert with tea or coffee.