

**Mountain View United Church**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**March 9, 2025**

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**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 VU395**

**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**

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**

As we begin our Lenten season, we seek to rest more deeply in the Lord,

**Lord, we ask You to draw near to us.**

As we walk through our Lenten season, we seek to know You better.

**Lord, we ask You to draw near to us.**

As we approach the glory of Easter, we seek a deeper appreciation for the sacrifice of Good Friday.

**Lord, we ask You to draw near to us.**

## **Hymn O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising VU329**

- 1 O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising,  
in every city for your love and care;  
inspire our worship, grant the glad surprising  
that your blest Spirit rouses everywhere.**
  
- 2 Grant us new courage, sacrificial, humble,  
strong in your strength to venture and to dare;  
to lift the fallen, guide the feet that stumble,  
seek out the lonely and God's mercy share.**
  
- 3 Show us your Spirit, brooding o'er each city,  
as you once wept above Jerusalem,  
seeking to gather all in love and pity,  
and healing those who touch your garment's hem.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**God, heavenly Father, may Your face shine upon us, as we raise our hearts to You in song, praise, worship and prayer. Without You we can do nothing, but with You we are eager to do Your will. Let today's worship usher us into this season of Lent and deep connection to You.  
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**

**Father of love, source of all blessings, help us to pass from our old lives of sin to our new lives of grace and love. Prepare us for the glory of Your Kingdom. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, our God, forever. Amen.**

## **Scripture readings'**

**Psalm 89:14-18 – read by Mona Miller**

### **Good News Translation**

<sup>14</sup> Your kingdom is founded on righteousness and justice;  
love and faithfulness are shown in all you do.

<sup>15</sup> How happy are the people who worship you with songs,  
who live in the light of your kindness!

<sup>16</sup> Because of you they rejoice all day long,  
and they praise you for your goodness.

<sup>17</sup> You give us great victories;  
in your love you make us triumphant.

<sup>18</sup> You, O LORD, chose our protector;  
you, the Holy God of Israel, gave us our king.

**Matthew 6:31-34 read by Rev. Shaw**

### **New International Version**

<sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

<sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

<sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. P5

## Message

**Hymn      Seek Ye First the Kingdom      VU 356**

- 1    Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and God's righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.**
- 2    Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.**
- 3    We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.**

**Invitation to Share Offering**

**Solo: Donna Love Melanson**

**\*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, let these gifts be utilized for Your Kingdom, and allow this house of worship to become a refuge for all those who seek Your Kingdom, and long to know You better.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

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

**Hymn      Come, My Way, My Truth      VU 628**

**1    Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:**

**such a way as gives us breath,  
such a truth as ends all strife,  
such a life as killeth death.**

**2    Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:**

**such a light as shows a feast,  
such a feast as mends in length,  
such a strength as makes his guest.**

**3    Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:**

**such a joy as none can move,  
such a love as none can part,  
such a heart as joys in love.**

## **Benediction**

**We go to seek god's Kingdom, by living a life in harmony with the will of the Father, we will come to appreciate Christ, the King of our new lives.**

**\*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**

**Tuesday: Executive Council            7:00 p.m.    Boardroom**

**Wednesday: Scrapbooking            9 to 11:30    Boardroom**

**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.