

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 And On This Path MV#8

1. And on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide, (3x)
Open wide! Open wide!
Open wide, the gates are open wide!
2. So enter in,
the gates of holiness are open wide, (3x)
Open wide! Open wide!
Open wide, the gates are open wide!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The angels proclaimed He is risen, the women proclaimed He is risen, the men proclaimed He is risen. All his disciple know Jesus Christ has risen. Let us make this our triumphant song.

Call to Worship

O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You;

**my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.**

So I 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.**

So I will bless You as long as I live;

in Your name I will lift up my hands.

Hymn The Spring Has Come

VU#187

**The spring has come,
let all the Church be part of it!
The world has changed,
and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day,
new color after winter grey,
new light, new day,
the spring has come,
let all the Church be part of it!**

**The sun is warm,
let all God's children play in it!
The world expands,
let's spread the Gospel Way in it!
New leaf, new thrust,
new greenening for the love of Christ,
new leaf, new thrust,
the sun is warm,
let all God's children play in it!**

**The spring has come,
new people are the flowers of it!
Through wind and rain,
new life is in the showers of it!
New bud, new shoot,
new hope will bear the Spirit's fruit,
new bud, new shoot,
the spring has come,
new people are the flowers of it!**

Opening Prayer

Lord, as we begin our week, we ask for Your guidance and strength. May we find meaning and purpose in our efforts for Your Kingdom, and may it be a source of blessing and fulfillment. Protect us from harm and adversity, and may we always reflect Your love in our interactions with others. Amen.

Children's Song:

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me VU#575 Vss1&4

**1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

Ministry Music: Choir

Prayer of Confession:

**Lord, help us to find our strength in You. Put Your will
behind each of our steps. Put Your wisdom at the forefront
of our minds. Liberate us from our anxiety and fear which
pulls us towards indulgence and the whim of the flesh.
Bring us closer to You, that we may do the work of Your
kingdom. Amen.**

Scripture readings:

Ecclesiastes 9:7-12 read by Mo' Ogunbambo

⁷ Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a joyful heart, for God has already approved what you do.

⁸ Always be clothed in white, and always anoint your head with oil.

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Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun—all your meaningless days. For this is your lot in life and in your toilsome labor under the sun.

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Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

¹¹ I have seen something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all.

¹² Moreover, no one knows when their hour will come:

As fish are caught in a cruel net, or birds are taken in a snare, so people are trapped by evil times that fall unexpectedly *upon them*.

Matthew 9:35-38 read by Rev. Shaw

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Message**Hymn Jesus Saw Them Fishing MV#113**

**1. Jesus saw them fishing by the shore of Galilee,
Casting out their nets into the sea.
Simon Peter, Andrew and the sons of Zebedee,
Waiting in their boats...so patiently.**

Refrain:

**And Jesus said, “Oh, come and follow me.
Oh, leave behind your nets, I call you.**

**Oh, come and fish with me,
And your life will never be the same again.”**

6.

2. A rich young person came to Jesus

Looking for advice.

“How can I obtain eternal life?”

Jesus told him,

“Honour the commandments of the Lord.”

Then sell off all your riches...for the poor.”

3. “If you want to follow me, deny our very self.

Take up your cross and walk the walk with me.

This might seem a hardship, an impossibility,

But nothing is impossible...with God.”

Invitation to Share Offering

Musical Offering

***Offering Song-Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying VU#400**

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Offertory Prayer:

**Gracious God, we thank You for the countless blessings
You have bestowed upon us, enabling us to participate in
Your glorious kingdom. We offer these gifts as we
recognize Your abundant grace and desire to be
instruments of Your love and compassion. May these**

offerings be used to advance Your work, supporting ministries that bring hope and healing to those in need. Amen.

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Prayers of the People

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

Hymn When We Are Living VU# 581

**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.**

**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.**

**'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.**

**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.

8.

Benediction:

We go out knowing that we are part of work force of God, may the work of our hands, the labour of our minds, and the dedication of our love be for the will of God, and for the beauty of His kingdom. Amen.

***Sung Benediction:**

May the Blessing of God Be Upon You – VU 429

May the blessing of God be upon you.

May God's love light all your way.

**May the grace of Christ enfold you
and peace around you stay.**

May the Spirit of God dwell within you.

May you live in joy each day.

Postlude † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †

CONGRATULATIONS ! FELICITATION! Wow you made it happen. The renovation Committee is very excited to announce that you the congregation of Mountain View, met our goal of raising \$25,000.00 to help facilitate the renovations to the sanctuary, choir loft and narthex. The amount raised to date is \$25,567.74. God is Good, all the Time. All the Time, God is Good.

Today: Community Dinner Sunday, volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated.

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Tuesday: Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Church Hall

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

Saturday: May 3rd, Crafts & Baking Market, Mountain View United Church. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Free Admission.

If you know of anyone or you would like a home visit or hospital visit from Rev. Shaw please call the church office.

May 10th: Fabric, Yarn & Craft Sale, Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers, 58 Festival St., Shediac. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

May 4th: Volunteer Appreciation Sunday. Join us in the church hall following the service for a celebration of all the wonderful volunteers that contribute so much to the life and service of this church community.

May 3rd: Pancake Breakfast, Mount Royal United Church, 8 – 11:30 a.m. \$12.00 per person (cash only) Bring a non-perishable food donation.

**May 10th: Mother's Day Tea, St. Bernard's Parish hall, 43 Botsford St., Moncton. 50/50 & Silent Auction,
Tickets: 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25. For tickets email:
contactus@inclusionadvocacy.ca**

Hillsborough United Church invites you to our Covenanting Service with Rev. Tara Ann Gourson, on Sunday, May 25 at

2 pm, 2891 Main St., Hillsborough. All are welcome. Lunch to follow. For more information email: huc1862@gmail.com

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