

**Mountain View United Church
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 11th, 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, Worship God – Psalm 95 VU815

- 1 Come, worship God who is worthy of honour,
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!
You are the rock of your people's salvation,
to whom our jubilant praises belong.**
- 2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains,
held in your hands are the depths of the earth;
yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
God above all gods, who gave us our birth.**
- 3 We are your people, the sheep of your pasture,
you are our maker and to you we pray,
gladly we kneel in obedience before you,
great is the One whom we worship this day!**

**4 Now let us listen, for you speak among us,
open our hearts to receive what you say:
peace be to all who remember your goodness,
trust in your word and rejoice in your way!**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The world is alive with the sounds of creation, creation sings to the glory and majesty of our Lord, let us this day sing too, sing and raise our praises

Call to Worship

Our God, You have nurtured us and shield us like a mother hen.

Thank You Lord, Your wings have covered us from more than we know.

Our God, we come to you as children, seeking Your wisdom.

Thank You Lord, wisdom has been revealed to us through Your revelation.

Our God, we seek to honour You, as the source of all creation.

You birth us, You raise us, You walk us into new life eternal.

Hymn Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead us MVF124

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care; In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

**We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us, be the
Guardian of our way; Keep Thy flock, from sin
defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear Thy children when
they pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear Thy children when they pray.**

**Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful
though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace
to cleanse and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Early let us turn to Thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Early let us turn to Thee.**

**Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our
bosoms fill.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love
us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved
us, love us still.**

Opening Prayer

**Dear God, we thank You for the blessing of those who
have welcomed parenthood, those who chose to embrace it,
and those who adopted it as it was needed. We thank you
for those who love and guide us, even when we are not
their children. May we always honor them with respect,
kindness, and understanding. Let our worship today,**

3.

**remind us that before all our mothers and fathers, God
you were our parent first, our maker, redeemer and**

sustainer. Help us to show our love and appreciation in all that we do. Strengthen our families with Your grace and peace. We ask this in Your name, Amen.

Children's Song: My God Is So Big
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
My God can make everything new.

The mountains are His. The rivers are His
The stars are His handiwork, too.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do for you.

Children's Ministry: Honour Your Parents

Ministry Music: Choir

4.

Prayer of Confession:
Father in Heaven, we come before You today, with hearts that struggle to love and honor our parents as Your Son Jesus, honoured You. Our parents were not perfect, and

nor are we, so we struggle. Help us, despite our personal feelings, seek Your guidance and strength to bless our relationships with our parents in ways that only You can provide. Amen.

Scripture readings:
Ephesians 6:1-9

1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
- ² “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—
- ³ “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”
- ⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.
- ⁵ Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.
- ⁶ Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.

5.

- ⁷ Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,
- ⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

⁹ And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

Matthew 15:1-9 read by Rev. Shaw

1. Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked,

² “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!”

³ Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?

⁴ For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’

⁵ But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is ‘devoted to God,’

⁶ they are not to ‘honor their father or mother’ with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

6.

⁷ You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

⁸ “These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

⁹ They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.'

Message

Hymn Mother Earth, Our Mother Birthing MV#39

**Mother Earth, our Mother birthing every creature from
the ground.**

**Jesus too was flesh and breathing, kin to all that's green
and brown.**

**Celebrate with all creation: God has formed the web of
life.**

**Sister Air, our Sister lifting every creature born with
wings;**

**Jesus shared the breath of forests, breath that makes our
spirits sing.**

**Celebrate with all creation: God has formed the web of
life.**

7.

**Brother Water, Brother pulsing deep through every vein
and sea,**

**Jesus drank the very raindrops for our wine and in our
tea.**

**Celebrate with all creation: God has formed the web of
life.**

Father Fire, our Father burning with the sacred urge to live.

Jesus' death completes the cycle, bringing life beyond the grave.

Celebrate with all creation: God has formed the web of life."

Invitation to Share Offering

Offering Musical Offering

***Offering Song-Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands VU#570**

**1 Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.**

**2 Take my hands, O Jesus, let them work for you,
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.**

8.

Offertory Prayer:

**Father In Heaven, You birthed the reality of parenthood,
You guide us by Your law, word, and merciful presence.
We thank You, and we seek to know Your ways, that we
may be honourable parents to those who come next, and
give thanks and appreciation for those who came before.
Let these gift facilitate our continued quest to learn and
grow in faith. Amen.**

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

Hymn Like a Mighty River Flowing VU#267

- 1 Like a mighty river flowing,
like a flower in beauty growing,
far beyond all human knowing
is the perfect peace of God.**
- 2 Like the hills serene and even,
like the coursing clouds of heaven,
like the heart that's been forgiven
is the perfect peace of God.**
- 3 Like the summer breezes playing,
like the tall trees softly swaying,
like the lips of silent praying
is the perfect peace of God.**
- 4 Like the morning sun ascended,
like the scents of evening blended,
like a friendship never ended
is the perfect peace of God.**
- 5 Like the azure ocean swelling,
like the jewel all-excelling,
far beyond our human telling
is the perfect peace of God.**

9.

Benediction:

Go out and bring honour by Your faith to God and to those

who were instrumental for bring you into this creation. Let us rejoice that we can embrace our mothers and fathers. Go in peace.

**Sung Benediction: God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
VU#425**

**1 God, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace;
O refresh us, O refresh us,
travelling through the wilderness.**

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

10.

Tuesday: Bible Study	1:00 p.m.	Church Hall
Executive Council	7:00 p.m.	Boardroom
Wednesday: Choir practice	7:00 p.m.	Church Hall

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

May 25th: Hillsborough United Church invites you to our Covenanting Service with Rev. Tara Ann Gourson, 2 p.m. 2891 Main St., Hillsborough. All are welcome. Lunch to follow. For more information email: huc1862@gmail.com

**June 8th -100th Anniversary, South-East New Brunswick
Centennial Service of Celebration at St. John's United
Church, 75 Alma St. 11:00 a.m. Reception**

