

**Mountain View United Church
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 18th, 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, Children, Join to Sing VU#345

- 1 Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!
Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!
Let all with heart and voice,
saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!**
- 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!
Christ calls his people friends,
the helpless he defends,
a love that never ends: Hallelujah!**

**3 Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah!
Raise high the joyous strain: Hallelujah!
The whole creation o'er
let all God's love adore,
singing for evermore: Hallelujah!**

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

Lord, You came to us first as a child.

**Humbly, meek, wrapped in a swaddling cloth and
laid in a manger.**

Lord, You embraced a life of poverty as You shared Your wisdom.

**A life of dust and sweat You embraced, walking,
working, waiting.**

Lord, You had Your body broken, abused, and destroyed for our salvation.

**You gave Your life as a ransom that all may be
granted freedom and salvation.**

Hymn Jesus, Friend of Little Children

VU#340

- 1 Jesus, friend of little children,
 let me be one too;
 take my hand, and ever keep me
 close to you.**

- 2 Teach me how to grow in goodness,
 daily as I grow.
 You have been a child, and surely
 you must know.**

- 3 Never leave me, nor forsake me;
 ever be my friend;
 for I need you, from life's dawning
 to its end.**

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we gather today to seek Your guidance and wisdom. Your word reminds us of the value of all people. Help us to cherish and protect those who are vulnerable, to never underestimate the value of each individual, and to treat all with the same respect and compassion You demonstrate to us. Grant us the strength to be a light to those around us, especially those who are in need. We pray in Jesus' 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: Do Not Despise Little Ones

Ministry Music: Choir

Prayer of Confession:
Lord, this day we confess, that our minds are often
preoccupied by our own pursuits, and our faces turn
away from the lowly and little. We humbly come before
You, seeking the strength to break away from ourselves,
that we may be better friends to all, that they may come
to know You. Amen.

Scripture readings:

Psalms 127: 1-5 read by Regina Cote

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat— for he grants sleep to those he loves.

Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.

Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.

Matthew 18:10-14 read by Rev. Shaw

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones.

For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

“What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?

And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off.

In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

Message

Hymn I Am A Child of God MV#157

**I am a child of God,
I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God, I am a child of God.**

**I am an endless prayer,
I am a yearning for contemplation,
I am an endless prayer,
I am an endless prayer.**

**I am an angry voice,
I am compassion and consternation,
I am an angry voice,
I am an angry voice.**

**I am a cry for peace,
I am commitment and dedication,
I am a cry for peace,
I am a cry for peace.**

**I am a song of joy,
I am the moment of jubilation,
I am a song of joy,
I am a song of joy.**

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.**

Offertory Prayer:

**Lord, may these gift be used to serve all who come to seek
You, let us not forget, or turn from the little, the lowly, for
all need Your love. Let us be an extension of Your love for
all that may come to this house of worship. Amen**

Prayers of the People

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

Hymn This Is God's Wondrous World VU#296

- 1 This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
 all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
 of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.**
- 2 This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
 the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
 in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.**
- 3 This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
 Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!**

Benediction:

As the angels look upon the face of God for the love of the lowly, let us look upon the lowly with the love of God at the forefront of our minds and hearts. Go and do so for God Kingdom.

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.**
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound;
may your presence, may your presence,
with us evermore be found.**

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

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

Monday: UCW	1:30 p.m.	Parlour
Tuesday: Bible Study	1:00 p.m.	Church Hall
Wednesday: Choir practice	7:00 p.m.	Church Hall

Graduation 2025 - Please advise the church office if you have a family member about to graduate this year. June 1st will be the Sunday for acknowledging our graduates and also our Sunday School end of year program.



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 7th - UCW 65th Anniversary Tea, 12 p.m., in the church hall. Tickets are \$10 each. Tickets are available from the church office, Debbie Ellison, or Barb Groundwater.

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 to follow.

June 15th-Our Service of Worship will be at 10:00 a.m. for our summer hours of Services.