

**Mountain View United Church**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**Graduation & Joyland Sunday – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**Worship Leader**  
**Director of Music**  
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**Rev. Jacob Shaw**  
**Jason Noble**  
**Liz Simmons**  
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**Gathering Music**

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

**Words of Welcome/Announcements**

**Gathering Song: We Are One Vss 1,2 & 4)VU#402**

**1 We are one as we come,  
as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips  
there's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing,  
as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace  
as we meet, together in this place.**

- 2 We are one as we share,  
as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand  
there's a sense that God is here.  
We are one as we care,  
as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace  
as we pray together in this place.**
- 4 We are one as we hear,  
as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive  
there's a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave,  
as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God's ways  
as we move together from this place.**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

On this eve of Pentecost, let us prepare to embrace a life with the Spirit of God. Let the Spirit guide us to know God's wisdom, to seek Christ's footsteps, and utter the Words of the Lord.

## **Call to Worship**

Let us seek the wisdom of God, a wisdom that is pure,  
peaceable, gentle, and full of mercy.

**We will seek it in the Word, in prayer,  
and in the quiet devotion.**

Let us strive to live lives that reflect God's wisdom, pure in  
thought, word, and deed.

**Let us trust and worship the God who loves us and  
seeks a relationship with us.**

Let us enter into His presence, seeking to be transformed  
by His love.

**Until we are cunning and pure,  
by the grace of God. Amen.**

**Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty VU#315**

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting  
down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may  
not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth  
and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Heavenly Father, we come before You with open hearts.  
Calm our minds and quiet our spirits so we may focus  
fully on Your presence. Grant us Your peace, which  
surpasses all understanding and help us approach our  
lives with Spirit-led clarity and purpose. Amen**

**Acknowledging 2025 Grads:**

**Congratulations to:**

**Jill Campbell, graduating from Harrison Trimble High  
School**

**Matthew Campbell, graduating from Bernice  
MacNaughton High School**



**Rachael Anningson, graduating from Bernice  
MacNaughton High School**

**Riley Allen, graduating from University of Ottawa**

**Ben Campbell, graduating from Mount Allison University**

**Laura Sherman, graduating from St. Xavier University**

### **Graduation Prayer**

**We pray for our graduates today and God we thank you  
so much for them and for the work you are continuing to  
do in their lives. They are a gift to us and to many others.  
During this season of new beginnings, we ask that you  
guide them. We thank you in advance for all you have in  
store, for this day, for this year, for their lives. We ask for  
your wisdom and direction in their lives. 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.**

**Time for Children presented by  
the Joyland Children**



**Prayer for Joyland:**

**Rev. Shaw**

Lord, may the Joyland teachings shape our hearts, grow our faith, and deepen our walk with You. We pray that Your Spirit continues to guide us in wisdom, understanding, and love as we go out into the world. Bless every child, teacher, and volunteer who gave their time and energy this year. Lord, cover us with Your grace, and may we carry this experience into our homes, schools, and workplaces. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Ministry Music:**

**Choir**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Lord, our God, we sometimes neglect wisdom, and our innocence falls to ignorance. Sometimes we waste our innocence, and our wisdom falls to arrogance. Lord, help us keep our balance in Your way, Your truth and Your life. Amen.**

**Scripture readings:**

## **Genesis 3:1-7; 8:6-12 read by Debbie Ellison**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,

<sup>3</sup> but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

<sup>4</sup> “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.

<sup>5</sup> “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

<sup>6</sup> After forty days Noah opened a window he had made in the ark

<sup>7</sup> and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth.

<sup>8</sup> Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground.

<sup>9</sup> But the dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark.

<sup>10</sup> He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark.

<sup>11</sup> When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth.

<sup>12</sup> He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him.

### **Matthew 10:16-20 read by Rev. Shaw**

“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

<sup>17</sup> Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues.

<sup>18</sup> On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles.



<sup>19</sup> But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say,

<sup>20</sup> for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

## **Message**

**Hymn          Teach Me, God, to Wonder          VU#299**

**1    Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;  
let your world of beauty capture me.**

**Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,  
life be celebrated, joy you give.**

**2    Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;  
let your world of people speak to me.          R**

**3    Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,  
in your world of loving my place take.          R**

**4    Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when  
you speak, see you in my neighbour when we meet. R**

**Invitation to Share Offering**

**Offering Musical Offering**

**\*Offering Song-Come, Holy Spirit    (x3)    VU#204**

## **Offertory Prayer:**

**Lord, we lift these gifts to You, a sign of our love and devotion. May Your Spirit come forth to bless these gifts to be used for the purposes Your wisdom deems well, and let our mind, hands and heart conform to Your wisdom as we progress in our faithful journey. Amen.**

## **Offertory, Personal Prayer, The Lord's Prayer, Given to God**

### **Hymn   Take Time to Be Holy                      VU#672**

- 1    Take time to be holy, speak oft with your Lord;  
     abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
     Make friends of God's children,  
     help those who are weak,  
     forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.**
  
- 2    Take time to be holy, let him be your guide,  
     and run not before him, whatever betide.  
     In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,  
     and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.**
  
- 3    Take time to be holy, be calm in your soul,  
     each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
     Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,  
     you soon shall be fitted for service above.**

## **Benediction**

Like our graduates today, let your minds and heart grow fruitfully by the Lord's blessing, find balance for living by the revelation of the Lord our God, trusting in His ways, and by His very Spirit.

## **Sung Benediction: Take Up His Song (V1) MV#213**

**Take up his song of peace and go into the world.**

**Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.**

**in ev'ry moment of the journey,**

**we're laying down our lives; lay them down,**

**in peace, lay them down, and take up his song.**

**Postlude    † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †**

**Today: Join us in the church hall following the service for Coffee & Conversation and congratulate our Grads.**

**Monday:    Book Club 1:30 p.m.                      Church Hall**  
***Book is "Remarkably Bright Creature"***

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

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

**Thursday: Parent/Child Night *(last one for the summer)***  
**(women & men lead program)**

**June 7<sup>th</sup> - UCW 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea, 12 p.m., in the church hall. Tickets are \$10 each. Tickets are available from the church office 506-857-4817, Debbie Ellison, or Barb Groundwater.**

**June 8<sup>th</sup> – Area United Churches will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at St. John's United Church, 75 Alma St. 11:00 a.m. Reception to follow. No Service at Mountain View June 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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

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