

**Mountain View United Church
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
Communion Sunday - May 4th, 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: Worship The Lord vss1-3, & 5 VU#401

**Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)
worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands)
in devotion to God who is one!**

- 1 Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
worship and work must be one! R**
- 2 Praying and training that we be a blessing,
and by our handiwork daily confessing:
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one! R**

**3 Called to be partners with God in creation,
honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation,
we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice,
worship and work must be one! R**

**5 Now in response to the life you are giving,
help us, O Father, to offer our living,
seeking a just and a healing society,
worship and work must be one! R**

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

Beloved, let us open our hearts to the call of God's compassion.

Let us remember the words of the Lord.

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed

**Let us be instruments of God's love for the
marginalized, the outcast, the poor.**

Let us pray that God may guide us in our efforts to be a blessing to those who are struggling.

**Lord, we ask that You may inspire us to live out our
faith by caring for the poor.**

2.

- 1 'Homeless people, will you listen?
I, too, was a refugee.
Poor and hungry of my family,
I was born in poverty.'
So speaks Jesus to our sisters,
offering love and hope and peace.
In this man our God has met us
with a love that does not cease.**
- 2 'Anxious people, can you hear me?
I was torn and hurt by fear.
Sick and suffering, maimed and wounded,
I knew doubt and bitter tear.'
So speaks Jesus to our brothers,
offering love and hope and peace.
In this man our God has met us
with a love that does not cease.**
- 3 'Homeless people, will you listen?
I was also refugee.
Poor and hungry of my family,
I was born in poverty.'
So speaks Jesus to his followers,
friends of his must learn to give.
Life is ours to share with others.
We are bound with all who live.**

3.

- 4 'Anxious people, can you hear me?
I was torn and hurt by fear.**

**Sick and suffering, maimed and wounded,
I knew doubt and bitter tear.'
So speaks Jesus to his followers,
friends of his must learn to give.
Life is ours to share with others.
We are bound with all who live.**

Opening Prayer

**Loving God, we come before You today with hearts open
to Your love and compassion. May our worship this day
help us to see the needs of those around us and guide us
in finding ways to serve them with generosity and
compassion. Help us to bring in the poor, to this house
of prayer and into Your Kingdom. 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.**

4.

Ministry Music: Choir

Prayer of Confession:

Generous God, we seek Your mercy, as we mourn poverty which is a moral and social wound upon our country's soul. In Your goodness, help us to heal this wound by working to alleviate the suffering and pain of the poor. We confess that we do not always forgo the easements and luxuries of life in favour of our brothers and sisters in this world. Amen

Scripture readings:

Psalm 34:1-7 read by Mona Miller-Good News Translation

- I will always thank the LORD;
I will never stop praising him.
- ² I will praise him for what he has done;
may all who are oppressed listen and be glad!
- ³ Proclaim with me the LORD's greatness;
let us praise his name together!
- ⁴ I prayed to the LORD, and he answered me;
he freed me from all my fears.
- ⁵ The oppressed look to him and are glad;
they will never be disappointed.
- ⁶ The helpless call to him, and he answers;
he saves them from all their troubles.
- ⁷ His angel guards those who honor the LORD and rescues them from danger.

5.

**Luke 14:12-14 read by Rev. Shaw-
New International Version**

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.

¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Message

Hymn On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91) VU#808

**1 You who dwell in the shelter of our God,
 who abide in this shadow for life,
 say to the Lord: 'My refuge,
 my Rock in whom I trust.'
 'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
 bear you on the breath of dawn,
 make you to shine like the sun,
 and hold you in the palm of my hand.'**

6.

**2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
 and famine will bring you no fear:
 under God's wings your refuge,
 God's faithfulness your shield. R**

- 3 **You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. R**
- 4 **For to God's angels is given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. R**

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Go out into the streets and lanes,
bring in the poor, the blind, and the lame.
Go out into the roads and alleyways,
compel people to come in,
that my house may be filled.
and my feast may be complete.
Luke 14:21-24

7.

Call to Give Thanks

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God,
for you created all things. You formed us in your own
image:

male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into
freedom; through the prophets you renewed
your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give you thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

8.

Song of Creation

Holy, Holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Remembering Jesus at Table

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your child Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the Mother and Father of us all.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the Good News of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. And said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup of wine; and after giving thanks, gave it to them, and said,

“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

9.

Prayer of Self-Giving

Gracious God, by the death of your child you have destroyed the power of death, and by raising him to life you have given us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Affirmation of Memory and Hope

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Transformation

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, O God, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body, one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Concluding Praise

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

With Jesus, we pray together, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

10.

Breaking of the Bread and filling of the Cup

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

Jesus Christ, the True Vine.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Prayer after Communion

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.

Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world united in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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.**

11.

**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:

May these gifts, the harvest of our labours, grow and multiply to benefit those who cannot labour, who have no harvest. God pour out Your Spirit here, and transform our gifts into a foundation of charity, love and hospitality. Amen.

Offertory, Personal Prayer, Given to God

Hymn He Came Singing Love VU#359

**1 He came singing love and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.**

He arose in silence.

**For the love to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.**

**2 He came singing faith and he lived singing faith;
he died singing faith.**

He arose in silence.

**For the faith to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.**

12.

**3 He came singing hope and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope.**

He arose in silence.

**For the hope to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.**

**4 He came singing peace and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace.**

He arose in silence.

**For the peace to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.**

Benediction

Let us go out and live as the healing and embrace hands of
the Lord, let us take in the poor, let us feed the hungry,
quench the thirst of the parched, and bring God's liberation

to all.

**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.**

13.

**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: 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.

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| Tuesday: Bible Study | 1:00 p.m. | Church Hall |
| 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 6th –UCW Dessert & Fashion Show, St. Paul's United Church, Riverview. 2 p.m. Cost \$20.00. Lots of prizes to be

won. Contact Wendy 506-233-2032. Featuring fashions from Mrs. Coats/Boutique Manteaux Madame.

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

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: contactus@inclusionadvocacy.ca

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 14.