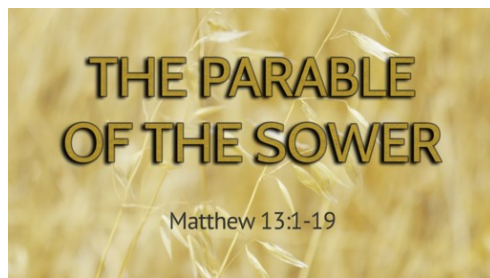


Mountain View United Church
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – July 13th, 2025

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Gathering Music

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

Words of Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Song: O Joy of God VU#407

- 1 O joy of God, we seek you in the morning
and long to see the glory of your face:
rise on our darkness with your sun's new dawning.
Flood all our being in this feast of grace.**
- 2 O life of God, for you our spirits hunger;
unless we feed on you we surely die:
with love and faith renewed and hope grown younger,
send us from here to serve you, God most high.**
- 3 O peace of God, you pass our understanding;
safe through each moment keep us every day:
with joy divine and mercy never ending,
direct our path and prosper all our way.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The fire of Pentecost is a burning and life-giving Spirit. Let our hearts come alive with the radiance that the Spirit brings.

Call to Worship

O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving,
let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.**

The Lord is a great and awesome God, the great King above all other authorities.

**The mountains, the seas, the depths of the earth,
all belong in God's hands.**

Come let us worship and bow down, let us humble ourselves before the Lord our Maker.

Today, let us hear God's voice and cherish every word.

Hymn God of the Bible MV#28

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change,
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change, Refrain**

**1 God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
Hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
You are our centre, daylight or darkness,
Freedom or prison, you are our home. R**

**2 God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
Suffering with us, taking our part,
Still you empowr'us, mothering Spirit,
Feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. R**

**3 Those without status, those who are nothing,
You have made royal, gifted with rights,
Chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
Birthing new systems, lighting new lights. R**

**4 Not by your finger, not by your anger,
Will our world order, change in a day,
But by your people, fearless and faithful,
Small paper lanterns, lighting the way. R**

**5 Hope we must carry, shining and certain,
Through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
Bonding us gladly, one to the other,
Till our world changes, facing the Cross. R**

Opening Prayer

**Father, in the Name of Jesus, we thank You that You
desire to speak to us every day, guiding us in spirit and
in truth to obey Your Word and enjoy an abundant life.
I thank You that You have called me Your friend and
that I may come boldly to the throne of grace to find
help whenever I have a need in my life.**

Children's Song: And On This Path (vs 1)MV#8

**And on this path, the gates of holiness open wide,
And on this path, the gates of holiness open wide,
And on this path, the gates of holiness open wide
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!**

Ministry Music

Prayer of Confession

Father, Son, Spirit, we raise Your Holy Name. You have been our help in times of trouble, and we are grateful. We have fallen short of being the disciples You call us to be. Help us! We come to You today seeking Your peace and guidance as we strive to learn how to be still and listen for Your voice. Amen

Scripture reading

Matthew 13:1-23 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

The Parable of the Sower

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake.

2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.

3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed.

⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.

⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.

⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

¹⁰ The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?”

¹¹ He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.

¹² Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.

¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables:

“Though seeing, they do not see;
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

¹⁴ In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

“‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

¹⁵ For this people’s heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.’

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears
because they hear.

¹⁷ For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people
longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what
you hear but did not hear it.

¹⁸ “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means:

¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and
does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away
what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the
path.

²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who
hears the word and at once receives it with joy.

²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

Message

Hymn: Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples VU#507

**1 Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make ploughshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.**

- 2 God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
we sow not peace but strife,
our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.**
- 3 Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.**
- 4 May we in service to our God
act out the living Word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.**

Invitation to Share Offering

Offering Musical Offering

***Offering Song: Come, Holy Spirit VU#204**

**Come, Holy Spirit,
gracious heavenly dove;
come, fire of love.**

Offertory Prayer

**Lord, Your Word says that when we draw near to You,
You will draw near to us. So, we offer to you apart of the
fruit of our labour, so that you may draw into out labours,
to walk with us in all we do, that we may have more
opportunity to hear Your voice. We seek Your face,
Your truth and Your word for my life. Amen.**

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

Prayers of the People

Hymn Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day VU#568

**1 Dear Lord, lead me day by day;
make me steadfast, wise, and strong;
happy most of all to know
that my dear Lord loves me so.**

**Praise to God, fount of love,
praise from morn till the set of sun;
praise at home, praise in church;
praise to God everywhere on earth.**

**2 Dear Lord, lead me day by day;
make me follow and obey
faithfully your words of life,
that your love ever abide. R**

**3 Now with confidence I sing
joyous praises to our God,
and with upright heart I give
tender care and sympathy. R**

Benediction

Go forth and know that the Lord speaks in a way which invites you to seek. Look, listen and hear by the Spirit, God's voice in your life.

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 † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †



Berwick Camp is selling products again this year to raise money for their dormitory upgrade fund.

Bob Smith is selling these products at the Grocery Card booth or call him at (506) 384-4259 before July 19th.

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TOASTED MARSHMALLOW	\$ 22/LITRE

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