

Mountain View United Church
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – August 17, 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 Let the Power Fall on Me – MV 13

**O let the power fall on me, my Lord,
let the power fall on me;
O let the power from heaven fall on me,
let the power fall on me.**

**For we want justice and truth and love, my Lord,
we want justice and truth and love;
For we want justice and truth and love, my Lord,
we want justice and truth and love.**

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

Come, people of God, let us gather to worship the Lord, our King!

**We come to honor the One who calls us to follow
and obey.**

The Lord's commands are good, His ways lead to life and peace.

**With joyful hearts, we seek to walk in His truth
and love.**

Let us lift our voices in praise, for our God is faithful and worthy of our trust.

**We will listen to His voice and obey His call, for He
is our guide and strength.**

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!**

Opening Prayer

**Heavenly Father, You are the holy and loving God who calls us to follow You with trust and devotion. As we gather in Your presence today, we seek Your strength to obey Your commands with willing hearts. Open our ears to hear Your voice, soften our spirits to embrace Your will, and guide our steps to walk in Your truth.
Amen**

Children's Song: And On This Path MV 8 v 1

**And on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide, (3x)
Open wide! Open wide!
Open wide, the gates are open wide!**

Children's Ministry: Teach Disciples to Obey

Ministry Music

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, forgive us when we stray or choose our own way,
and renew in us a desire to live faithfully for You. May
our obedience be an act of worship, reflecting Your love
and grace to the world. Lead us, Lord, and help us follow
You wholeheartedly. In the name of Jesus, our Savior,
we pray. Amen.**

Scripture readings:

Isaiah 1:16-20 read by Barb Groundwater

¹⁶ Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out
of my sight; stop doing wrong.

¹⁷ Learn to do right; seek justice.

Defend the oppressed. ^[a]

Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.

¹⁸ “Come now, let us settle the matter,”
says the LORD.

“Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.
¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,
you will eat the good things of the land;
²⁰ but if you resist and rebel,
you will be devoured by the sword.”

Matthew 28:16-20 read by Rev. Shaw

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.
¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.
¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Message

Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me VU#567

- 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?**

- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?**

- 3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?**

- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?**
- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.**

**Invitation to Share Offering
Offering Musical Offering**

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

VU 204

Gracious God, as we present these offerings to You today, we seek to honour You through our obedience, giving not out of duty but out of love for Your perfect ways.

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

Hymn Trust and Obey MVF#135

**R Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey**

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**Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay; not a grief nor a loss,
not a frown nor a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey. R**

**But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay; f
or the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows
are for them who will trust and obey. R**

**Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
what He says we will do, where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey. R**

Spoken Benediction

As you go from this place, may the Lord, our faithful God,
fill you with His strength and grace to walk in obedience
to His holy will. Go now in peace of Christ, Obeying the
Lord with joy, and may His blessing rest upon you, now
and forever. Amen.

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 † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †

Bulletins today are to the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of Kevin Allen, placed by sister-in-law Mary Allen and Family.

Prayers and sympathy are extended to Myrna and Clive Balderston on the death of Myrna's brother, William Harrington of PEI on August 10, 2025.

Please join us in the church hall, following the Service of Worship for refreshments and conversation.

Volunteers are needed for the Nursery beginning in September. If you can serve in this way, please call the church office or talk to Barb Groundwater.

Do you know of anyone or you would like a home visit or hospital visit from Rev. Shaw please call the church office 506-857-4817.

To have bulletins "In Memory of" or "In Celebration of" a loved one, please call the church office.

September 8th: UCW	1:30 p.m. Parlour
September 9th: Finance meeting	7 p.m. Tellers Room
September 10th Executive Council	1 p.m. Boardroom
September 10th Scrapbooking	9:30 a.m. Boardroom
September 29th Book Club	1 p.m. the book is The
Storied Life of A.J. Sitry.	