

# **Mountain View United Church**

**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost –Sept. 7, 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: God, Reveal Your Presence VU#391**

**1 God, reveal your presence: as we now adore you  
and with awe appear before you.**

**Here in this your temple: all within keep silence,  
gather now with deepest reverence.**

**You alone God we own,  
you, our God and Saviour: praise your name for ever.**

**2 God, reveal your presence: hear the harps resounding;  
see the crowds the throne surrounding.**

**'Holy, holy, holy!' Hear the hymn ascending,  
angels, saints, their voices blending.**

**Bow your ear to us here;  
hearken, O Lord Jesus, to our humble praises.**

**3 O great Fount of blessing, purify my spirit,  
trusting only in your merit;  
like the holy angels gathered all before you,  
may I ceaselessly adore you.  
Let your will ever still  
rule your church terrestrial, as the hosts celestial.**

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

God knows us better than anyone and loves us more deeply than we can fathom. Even when we become less than God created us to be, God continues to love us.

### **Call to Worship**

Did you hear the whisper of God calling us to worship?

**God, help us listen as you call.**

Do you sense the beautiful people God is creating us to become?

**God, help us to see your image within.**

Are we ready to listen, learn, and grow?

**God, open our hearts and minds to your loving and challenging guidance.**

### **Where Are We: Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

## **Opening Prayer**

**Creator God, You have crafted us in Your image and created us for greatness, as we share Your love, justice, and compassion. Help us to live into this creation. Strengthen us, as we seek to answer Your call. When we go astray, guide us back to Your ways. When we fall apart, put us back together again. When we shrink in fear, lift our heads, that we may see Your love and grace welcoming us home. Amen.**

**Hymn: Softly and Tenderly                      MVF#73**

**1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me;  
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and for me.**

**Refrain:**

**Come home, come home,  
You who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home!**

**2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
Pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,  
Mercies for you and for me?                      R**

**3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,  
Passing from you and from me;  
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,  
Coming for you and for me. R**

**4. Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised,  
Promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,  
Pardon for you and for me. R**

### **Children's Song: This Little Light of Mine**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Children's Ministry: Rev. Jacob's Toy Bag  
Blessing of the Book Bags**

**Ministry Music**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, we come ready to learn, ready for our hearts and minds to be held by Your Spirit. Forgive us for when we have not welcomed Your presence in this way. By Your Son's Name. Amen.**

## **Jeremiah 18:1-11 read by Isaiah Agboola**

**This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:**

**2 “Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message.”**

**3 So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel.**

**4 But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.**

**5 Then the word of the Lord came to me.**

**6 He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the Lord. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.**

**7 If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be**

**uprooted, torn down and destroyed,**

**8 and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned.**

**9 And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted,  
10 and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.  
11 “Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the Lord says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’**

**Luke 14:25-33 read by Rev. Shaw**

**25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:**

**26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.**

**27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.**

**28 “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?**

**29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you,**

**30 saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’**

**31 “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?  
32 If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.  
33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.**

## **Message**

**Hymn Here O My Lord, I See You Face to Face VU#459**

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
here would I touch and handle things unseen,  
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,  
and all my weariness upon you lean.**
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;  
here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.**
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
this is the heavenly table for me spread;  
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong  
the fellowship of living wine and bread.**

- 4    Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
the bread and wine remove, but you are here,  
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.**
- 5    Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.**

## **Communion/Lord's Prayer**

### **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*

#### **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.

## **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."

## **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**

### **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 invitation**

**Musical offering**

## **Offertory Prayer**

**Gracious God, you have blessed us beyond measure; you have entrusted us as partners to care for your world. Bless these gifts and our very lives. Transform everything that we are in this life into offerings that bring your love to the world. Amen.**

## **Offering of Personal Prayers to God**

**Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy VU#271**

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.**
- 2 There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such gracious judgement given.**
- 3 There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that Christ has shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.**
- 4 Troubled souls, why will you scatter  
like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts, why will you wander  
from a love so true and deep?**
- 5 For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.**

## **Spoken Benediction**

May the Spirit's power give us courage. May Christ's love give us compassion. And may God's image shine through us, as we carry a cross of light and love for all to see. Amen

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## **Sung Benediction: Go Now in Peace**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.**

**God will go with you each hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.**

**Know God will guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in love, and show you believe.**

**Reach out to others so all the world can see.**

**God will be there watching from above.**

**Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

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

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

**Prayers and sympathy are extended to the family of Margaret Skinner, Margaret passed away August 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Bulletins today are to the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of Larry Allen placed by wife, Mary and family.**

**URGENT NEED 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.**

**If you wish to have offering envelopes please put your name, address, and phone number on the sign up sheet in the narthex. E-transfers may be made to: mtviewteller@gmail.com**

**Needed: A member of our congregation is anticipating that her family is moving here from Nigeria. She is in need of 2 single bed frames. If you can help in this request please call the church office 506-857-4817.**

**September 10, 17, 24:Choir practice-7:00 p.m. Sanctuary**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>: UCW 1:30 p.m. Parlour**

**September 9<sup>th</sup>; Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Parlour**

**September 9<sup>th</sup>: Finance meeting 7 p.m. Tellers Room**

**September 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Council 1 p.m. Boardroom**

**September 10<sup>th</sup> Scrapbooking 9:30 a.m. Boardroom**

**September 11<sup>th</sup>; Parent/Child Night 5:30 p.m Church Hall**

**September 29<sup>th</sup>; Book Club 1:00 p.m. The book is The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin.**

**Intercultural Fellowship coming this fall.**