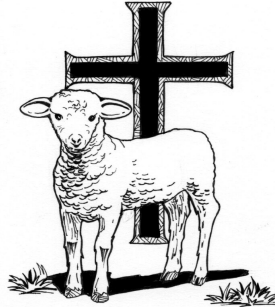


Mountain View United Church
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
14th Sunday after Pentecost –Sept. 14, 2025

Worship Leader
Music Leader
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Rev. Jacob Shaw
Jason Noble
Liz Simmons
Juliana Sarpong

Gathering Music
Words of Welcome/Announcements

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

Gathering Song: Come In Come In and Sit Down VU395
VSS 1,2, 4

Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

1 You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. R

- 2 God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. R**
- 4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. R**

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

When the world sews seeds of doubt.

God sews in us seed of faith.

When darkness temps us with desire.

God calls us to care for the poor.

When our shame says, no one love you.

God pours our his infinite love upon us.

Opening Prayer:

O God of heaven and earth, bless us with Your mercy and grace. Enter our hearts and make us holy. Be our Shepherd and guide us in Your ways, that we might not wander alone. Hear our cried and gather us to Yourself, that we may be one with each other, through the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd Vu pg747

**1 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
 he makes me down to lie
 in pastures green; he leadeth me,
 the quiet waters by.**

**2 My soul he doth restore again;
 and me to walk doth make
 within the paths of righteousness,
 even for his own name's sake.**

**3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
 yet will I fear no ill;
 for thou art with me; and thy rod
 and staff me comfort still.**

**4 My table thou has furnished
 in presence of my foes;
 my head thou dost with oil anoint,
 and my cup overflows.**

**5 Goodness and mercy all my life
 shall surely follow me,
 and in God's house for evermore
 my dwelling-place shall be.**

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

Ministry Music

Prayer of Confession:

**Father is Heaven, bring us close to You. When we close
our eye, call us to see. When we shut our ear, invite us to
listen. Open our hearts this day that we respond to Your
word, now and forever. Amen.**

Scripture readings:

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 read by Regina Cote

¹¹ At that time this people and Jerusalem will be told, “A scorching wind from the barren heights in the desert blows toward my people, but not to winnow or cleanse;

¹² a wind too strong for that comes from me. Now I pronounce my judgments against them.”

²² “My people are fools; they do not know me. They are senseless children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil; they know not how to do good.”

²³ I looked at the earth, and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone.

²⁴ I looked at the mountains, and they were quaking; all the hills were swaying.

²⁵ I looked, and there were no people; every bird in the sky had flown away.

²⁶ I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert; all its towns lay in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

²⁷ This is what the LORD says: “The whole land will be ruined, though I will not destroy it completely.

²⁸ Therefore the earth will mourn and the heavens above grow dark, because I have spoken and will not relent, I have decided and will not turn back.”

Luke 15:1-10 read by Rev. Shaw

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.

² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable:

⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’

⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?

⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’

¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Message

Hymn A Woman and a Coin VU#360

- 1 A woman and a coin - the coin is lost!
How much it means to her, what time and toil,
what part it was to play in her bright dreams!
Am I that treasured coin worth searching for?
I'm found, and you rejoice!
What love! What love!
- 2 A shepherd and a sheep - the sheep is lost!
Far from the flock, the one in hundred cries,
then, risking life, the shepherd's voice and staff!
Am I that treasured sheep worth dying for?
I live, and you rejoice!
What love! What love!
- 3 A parent and a child - the child is lost!
The parent feeds on memories and hope,
the prodigal on husks and one last chance.
Am I that treasured child worth waiting for?
I'm home, and you rejoice!
What love! What love!
- 4 Dear God, you sought us when the world was lost,
you gave your only son at what a cost;
your spirit welcomes home the tempest-tossed:
now we can be all you were dreaming of.
We're safe, and you rejoice!
What love! What love!

Invitation to Share Offering

Musical Offering

Offertory Prayer

Most gracious God, we bring these gifts, as we bring ourselves. We are nothing special in ourselves. But You seek us, You gather us together; and in Your arms, our lives come together. Bless us and these gifts, that together we may be a blessing and return Your glory to You where it belongs. Amen.

Offering of Personal Prayers to God, The Lord's Prayer

Hymn Love Us into Fullness MV#81

**Love us into fullness, touch us with your grace.
Jesus in your mercy, draw us to your face.
Love us into fullness, hold us in your care,
Cheer us with your presence, here and everywhere.
Love us into fullness, and we will be strong;
Jesus, walk beside us, fill our hearts with song!**

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**

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 † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †

Bulletins today are to the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of David Eagles placed by children, Brian, Brent, Beth and sister, Mary Allen.

Volunteers needed for the Nursery. 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 17: Social Justice 1 p.m. Downstairs kitchen
September 17, 24: Choir practice-7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
September 16th; Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Parlour
September 29th; Book Club 1:00 p.m. The book is The
Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin.**

Intercultural Fellowship coming this fall.

**Sept. 28th Salisbury United Church 175th Anniversary,
3:30 p.m. 76 Smith Street. Guest speaker will be Rev.
Michael Goodfellow of Hartland-Jacksonville Pastoral charge.
Reception to follow.**