

Mountain View United Church

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15th Sunday after Pentecost –Sept. 21, 2025

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Gathering Music

Words of Welcome/Announcements

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

Gathering Song: Holy Spirit, Hear Us VU#377

- 1 Holy Spirit, hear us,
 help us while we sing;
 breathe into the music
 of the praise we bring.**

- 2 Holy Spirit, shine now
 on the book we read;
 light its holy pages
 with the truth we need.**

- 3 Holy Spirit, prompt us
 when we bow to pray;
 speak within and teach us
 what we ought to say.**

**4 Holy Spirit, help us
daily by your might,
what is wrong to conquer,
and to choose the right.**

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

Come, behold the life we have been given, where every choice shapes our journey!

**We gather to seek God's wisdom, to discover a faith
to grant us courage.**

Let us choose God's path of love and truth.

**With open hearts, we worship the One who guides
our every move.**

Let's worship God, who offers grace for every wrong turn and victory in His love!

Alleluia! Let us worship together!

Where Are We: Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, Master of the landscape of life, we come before You today seeking Your guidance. You see every choice we make, every step we take. As we gather in Your presence, fill us with Your Spirit, that we may choose Your way over the temptations of this world. Help us to live faithfully, trusting Your love to lead us to eternal joy. We praise You for Your mercy, which renews us for the journey ahead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: Spirit of the Living God VU#376

- 1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**
- 2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

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

Merciful God, You call us to walk Your path, but too often we make wrong choices. Like players chasing fleeting wins, we've prioritized wealth, pride, or comfort over Your truth. We confess the times we've ignored Your voice, hurting ourselves and others. Forgive us for the moves that lead to brokenness. Heal us with the balm of Your grace and guide us back to Your way. Help us choose You, our faithful Master, above all else. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture readings:

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1 read by Mary Hebert

¹⁸ **You who are my Comforter in sorrow,
my heart is faint within me.**

¹⁹ **Listen to the cry of my people from a land far away:
“Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King no longer there?”
“Why have they aroused my anger with their images,
with their worthless foreign idols?”**

²⁰ **“The harvest is past, the summer has ended,
and we are not saved.”**

²¹ **Since my people are crushed, I am crushed;
I mourn, and horror grips me.**

²² **Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?
Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people?**

**9:1 Oh, that my head were a spring of water and my eyes
a fountain of tears! I would weep day and night for the
slain of my people.**

Luke 16:1-13 read by Rev. Shaw

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions.

² So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

³ “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg—

⁴ I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

⁵ “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶ “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

⁷ “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’““A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

⁸ “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.

⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Message

Hymn There Is a Balm in Gilead

VU#612

**There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole.**

**There is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**1 Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. R**

**2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, 'He died for all.' R**

Invitation to Share Offering

Musical Offering

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, You provide every resource we need to play the game of life faithfully. As we bring our tithes and offerings, we dedicate them to Your service. Help us to give not for short-term gain, but for Your eternal kingdom. May these gifts reflect our choice to serve You, not wealth, and may they bless our world with Your love and justice. We offer them with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Hymn I See A New Heaven

VU#713

I see a new heaven.

**I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.**

- 1 There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. R**
- 2 There, there where death dies and our lives are born
again, body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain. R**
- 3 There, there where the darkness brings visions from
above. There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love. R**
- 4 There, there where we work with the love of
healing hands. Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land.**

Spoken Benediction

As you leave this place, go with God's grace as your guide. May every choice you make reflect His love, every step honor His truth. Like players in His great game, walk wisely, trusting His mercy to cover your missteps and His strength to lead you home. The blessing of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be with you now and forever. 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 Carol Eagles placed by children, Brian, Brent, Beth and sister, Mary Allen.

Today: Please join us in the church hall following the Service of Worship for refreshments.

Tuesdays: Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Wednesdays: Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

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

Oct. 4th & 18th Apple Pie Sales (sign up sheet in Narthex)

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.

Save your quarters! Mountain View UCW is doing a fundraiser for Sunday School supplies and curriculum. Those who wish to participate will be given an M&M container which, when emptied of candy, will hold 40 quarters. Containers are available in the narthex and filled containers should be returned on Sunday, Oct. 12th. Thank you for your support.

One of our all year fundraisers is sale of grocery cards. We buy them at 4% off and we sell them at face value. Sobeys and Superstore cards in units of \$25, \$50 or \$100 can be purchased with cash, cheques, or e-transfer every Sunday. Superstore cards can be used as well at Independent, No Frills, and Wholesalers Club. Sobeys cards can also be used at Lawtons and Needs. I was just advised at Needs Mountain Rd that \$.02/litre off gas applies to Sobeys cards as well as cash and debit.

Grocery Cards make great gifts. Fewer than 10 people account for the income from card sales.

Let's bring that participation up.

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.

Oct. 8th: St. John's UCW Fall Fashion Show. 75 Alma St.
Use Victoria St. door. 7-9 p.m. Tickets \$12.00 (available from
their UCW & church office). Dessert & tea/coffee. Door
prizes.