

**Mountain View United Church**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –Sept. 28, 2025**

**Worship Leader**  
**Music Leader**  
**Office Admin**



**Rev. Jacob Shaw**  
**Jason Noble**  
**Liz Simmons**

**Gathering Music**

**Words of Welcome/Announcements**

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

**Gathering Song: New Every Morning** **VU#405**

- 1 New every morning is the love  
our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life, and power, and thought.**
- 2 New mercies each returning day  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**
- 3 If on our daily course our mind  
be set to hallow all we find,  
new treasures still of countless price  
God will provide for sacrifice.**

**4 The trivial round, the common task,  
will furnish all we ought to ask,  
room to deny ourselves, a road  
to bring us daily nearer God.**

**5 Only, O God, in your dear love  
fit us for perfect rest above;  
and help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.**

### **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, people of God, gather to worship the One who strengthens us!

**We come to gain spiritual strength, by the Spirit,  
in hope for a weary world.**

Like Jeremiah, we trust God's promises, even when the way seems heavy.

**Like Lazarus, we seek God's comfort and justice.**  
Let us worship the God who equips us to carry the load of love and obedience.

**With hearts open, we praise the One who lifts us up!**

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

### **Opening Prayer:**

**Gracious and mighty God, You are the source of all strength, the foundation of our hope. As we gather in Your presence, we bring the weights we carry—our fears, our doubts, our call to love others. Empower us by Your Spirit to lift the burdens of faith and service, knowing You are the source of all the good we can uphold. We offer this worship to You, our God, who makes all things possible. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

### **Hymn:      Fight the Good Fight      VU#674**

- 1    Fight the good fight with all your might;  
     Christ is your strength and Christ your right;  
     lay hold on life, and it shall be  
     your joy and crown eternally.**
  
- 2    Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
     lift up your eyes, and seek Christ's face.  
     Life with its path before us lies;  
     Christ is the way, and Christ the prize.**
  
- 3    Cast care aside, lean on your guide;  
     God's boundless mercy will provide;  
     trust, and the trusting soul shall prove  
     Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**4 Faint not, nor fear, God's arms are near;  
God changes not and you are dear.  
Only believe, and Christ shall be  
your all in all eternally.**

**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.**

**Children's Ministry: Rev. Jacob's Toy Bag**

**Ministry Music**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, You call us to faith and compassion, but we confess we often falter. We ignore those in need at our gates, choosing comfort over justice. We cling to our own plans, hesitant to trust Your promises. Forgive us for dropping the gift of love and obedience, for failing to act when Your Spirit prompts us. Help us to rise, repent, and respond with courage and care, reflecting Your love in all we do. In the name of Christ, our Savior, we pray, Amen.**

## **Scripture readings:**

**Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15 read by Sharon Ruet**

**1. This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.**

**<sup>2</sup> The army of the king of Babylon was then besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was confined in the courtyard of the guard in the royal palace of Judah.**

**<sup>3</sup> Now Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him there, saying, “Why do you prophesy as you do? You say, ‘This is what the LORD says: I am about to give this city into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.**

**<sup>6</sup> Jeremiah said, “The word of the LORD came to me:**

**<sup>7</sup> Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth, because as nearest relative it is your right and duty to buy it.’**

**<sup>8</sup> “Then, just as the LORD had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. Since it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it for yourself.’ “I knew that this was the word of the LORD;**

**<sup>9</sup> so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver.**

**<sup>10</sup> I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales.**

**<sup>11</sup> I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy—**

**<sup>12</sup> and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and of all the Jews sitting in the courtyard of the guard.**

**<sup>13</sup> “In their presence I gave Baruch these instructions:**

**<sup>14</sup> ‘This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Take these documents, both the sealed and unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so they will last a long time.**

**<sup>15</sup> For this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.’**

**Luke 16:19-31 read by Rev. Shaw**

**<sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day.**

**<sup>20</sup> At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores**

**<sup>21</sup> and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.**

**<sup>22</sup> “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried.**

**<sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.**

**<sup>24</sup> So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’**

**<sup>25</sup> “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.**

**<sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’**

**<sup>27</sup> “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family,**

**<sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’**

**<sup>29</sup> “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’**

**<sup>30</sup> “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’**

**<sup>31</sup> “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”**

## **Message**

**Hymn      Great Is Thy Faithfulness      VU#288**

**1    Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!**



**2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. R**

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. R**

### **Invitation to Share Offering**

The poor are blessed because often they have less to distract them from their dependency upon God, and the glory of God. What worldly thing might you need to give up, to allow yourself to find a heart in pursuit of Christ, and those he calls us to love?

### **Musical Offering**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

**Generous God, You provide all we need and call us to share with open hearts. As we bring our gifts today, we offer more than money—we dedicate our time, our talents, and our willingness to endure for Your kingdom. Bless these offerings to serve those like Lazarus, who long for care, and to proclaim Your promise of restoration, as Jeremiah did. May our giving strengthen our faith and extend Your love to a hurting world. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

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

### **Hymn May God's Sheltering Wings MV#214**

**May God's sheltering wings,  
His gathering wings protect you.  
May God's nurturing arms,  
His cradling arms sustain you,  
And hold you in his love, and hold you in his love.**

### **Benediction**

As you go from this place, may you carry the strength of God's love, lifting the weights of faith, hope, and compassion with courage. Go in peace, trusting God's promises, and live for His glory. 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 Harry Eagles placed by children, Brian, Brent, Beth and daughter, Mary Allen.**

**Prayers and sympathy are extended to the family & friends of Betty Chappell. Betty passed away September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**Prayers and sympathy are extended to the family & friends of Winston West. Winston passed away September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.**

**Today: Community Dinner Sunday, Volunteers are always welcome and greatly appreciated.**

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

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

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

**October's book is The God of the Woods by Liz Moore.**

**Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Apple Pie Sales (sign up sheet in Narthex)**

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – Fall Fair at Mountain View**

**Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> – Craft & Baking Market at Mountain View**

**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. 30<sup>th</sup>. 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. Needs Mountain Rd \$ .02/litre off gas applies to Sobeys cards as well as cash and debit. Grocery Cards make great gifts.**

**Adult Fellowship - October 8<sup>TH</sup> at 10:30 a.m. We will be gathering at Peoples Park Tower/Camden Terrace in the Camden Tea Room (next to dining room) for a social time, games and lunch. Come along! Sign up sheet in narthex. More info call Sheila (506) 382-6986**

**Community Dinner - Jack Frost is heading our way!**

**Warm socks & winter items will be offered at the October 26<sup>th</sup> dinner. Contributions of new or gently used winter items would be much appreciated.**

**Collection bags will be in narthex next week.**

**Thank you for your continuing support.**

**Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> Salisbury United Church 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,**

**3:30 p.m. 76 Smith Street. Guest speaker will be Rev.**

**Michael Goodfellow of Hartland-Jacksonville Pastoral charge.**

**Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>: St. Paul's United Church, Pop-Up Sale. 404**

**Cleveland Ave, Riverview. 6:30-8 p.m. Mrs. Coates will have clothing for sale.**

**Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>: 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.**

**If you or you know someone that would like a home or hospital visit from Rev. Shaw please call the church office 506-857-4817.**