

**Mountain View United Church
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
17th Sunday after Pentecost –Oct. 5, 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:

How Great the Mystery of Faith VU#390

- 1 How great the mystery of faith,
how deep the purposes of God,
in birth and ageing, life and death,
unveiled, yet never understood!**
- 2 Attracted by life's deepest claim
we wait, assembled in this place,
with needs and hopes we cannot name,
a thirst for healing, truth, and grace.**

- 3 The best that we can do and say,
the utmost care of skill and art,
are sweepers of the Spirit's way
to reach the depths of every heart.**
- 4 Come, walk among us, Holy Friend,
as all are gathered and prepared,
that scattered lives may meet and mend
through open Word and table shared.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We give thanks to the Lord, for all good things in creation come from God. We give thanks to the Lord, for all good things we will ever come to know is a gift from above. Ignite our thanksgiving this day.

Call to Worship

Come, people of God, from every nation and tongue!

**We gather to worship the One who hears our
cries.**

Come with your laments, your hopes, and your
mustard-seed faith!

**We bring our whole selves to the Table of
Grace.**

**On this World Communion Sunday, we join the
global church in praise!**

**Together, we proclaim Christ's love that
makes us one! Let us worship God!**

Where Are We: Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Opening Prayer:

**Gracious and loving God, You gather us from
every corner of the earth to Your Table of Grace.
On this World Communion Sunday, we come
with our joys and our sorrows, our small faith
and our deep longings. Hear the cries of Your
people, from cities in ruins to hearts in need of
healing. Unite us in Your love, strengthen us by
Your Spirit, and prepare us to worship You as
one body in Christ. We pray in the name of Jesus,
our Savior and our peace. Amen.**

Hymn: The Living God Be Praised VU#255

**1 The living God be praised,
 who reigns enthroned above,
 ancient of everlasting days, and God of love.
 Jehovah, great I Am!
 By earth and heaven confessed,
 we bow before your holy name, forever blest.**

- 2 Your spirit still flows free,
high surging where it will;
in prophet's words you spoke of old
and you speak still.
Established is your law,
and changeless it shall stand,
inscribed upon the human heart,
on sea, or land.**
- 3 You have eternal life
implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay,
while ages roll.
We praise you, living God!
We praise your holy name;
the first, the last, beyond all thought,
and still the same.**

Children's Song: Like A Rock

**Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky, God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean,
our home is in God evermore.**

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

Ministry Music

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, We confess that we often feel alone in our struggles, like Jerusalem weeping in the night. We doubt your presence when our world feels broken, and we cling to our own strength instead of trusting Your grace. Forgive us for the times we've failed to see our neighbors across the globe, ignoring their pain or dismissing the faith You call us to. We confess that our faith feels small, and we grow weary in serving you. Yet, in Your mercy, You meet us at this Table. Cleanse us, renew us, and unite us as Your people.

One: Hear the good news: God hears every cry and sees every mustard seed of faith. In Christ, you are forgiven, renewed, and united as one body. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Scripture readings:

Lamentation 1:1-6 read by Regina Cote

How deserted lies the city, once so full of people!
How like a widow is she, who once was great among
the nations! She who was queen among the
provinces has now become a slave.

² Bitterly she weeps at night, tears are on her cheeks.
Among all her lovers there is no one to comfort her.
All her friends have betrayed her; they have become
her enemies.

³ After affliction and harsh labor, Judah has gone
into exile. She dwells among the nations; she finds
no resting place. All who pursue her have overtaken
her in the midst of her distress.

⁴ The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her
appointed festivals. All her gateways are desolate,
her priests groan, her young women grieve,
and she is in bitter anguish.

⁵ Her foes have become her masters; her enemies are
at ease. The LORD has brought her grief because of
her many sins. Her children have gone into exile,
captive before the foe.

⁶ All the splendor has departed from Daughter Zion. Her princes are like deer that find no pasture; in weakness they have fled before the pursuer.

Luke 17:5-10 read by Jacob Shaw

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

⁶ He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

⁷ “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? ⁸ Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’?

⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

Message

Hymn We Gather Here VU 469

- 1 We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living
flame; for through the loving son God
fashions us as one:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here, - everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn
forgive all wrongs.**
- 2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the One who pours the cup is risen from the
dead; the One we love the most is now our
gracious host:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.
We are now a family of which Christ is the
head; though unseen he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.**
- 3 We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming
King; now we anticipate the feast for which
we wait: Come take the bread, come drink
the wine, come, share the Lord.**

Sacrament of Communion **For World Communion Sunday**

Invitation

Because there is one bread,
we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.

In Christ, God breaks down the walls
that make us strangers to ourselves,
and divide us from one another.

We are the body of Christ.

At this table we bear witness to our faith.

**At this table, God brings wholeness out of
brokenness,
and healing to our world.**

Let us break bread together.

1 Corinthians 10:17

Call to Give Thanks

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Turn to God, the source of life.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks.

We offer joyful thanks to God.

Thanksgiving

Eternal God, Maker of heaven and earth,
we join with all your people to give you thanks and
praise.

You formed the universe in your wisdom
and created all things by your grace.

We praise you for all your good gifts:

the witness of saints and prophets;

the work of faithful women and men;

this earth in all its blessing and promise;

and this bread, once scattered,

now brought together and made one.

In the hope that your people

may be brought together from the ends of the earth

into your reign of justice and compassion,

we gather with those of every time and every place

to give you praise and glory:

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

Let us remember together that vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at table:

he shared food with followers and friends,
with saints and sinners,

with crowds of thousands on the hillside,
and a few friends in an upper room.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his companions.

He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them, saying:

"Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me."

Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.

Prayer of Self-Giving

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, as we break bread and share the cup, giving thanks for your love in Jesus, the Christ.

We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labour. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service on behalf of all people.

Affirmation of Memory and Hope

[According to his commandment:]

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

Prayer of Transformation

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your church,
that we who eat and drink at Christ's table may share in his life.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth,
and make it your new creation.

Gather your church together from the ends of the earth into your realm where peace and justice are revealed—

that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised.

Concluding Praise

Praise be to God, the Source of love!

Praise be to Christ, Love incarnate!

Praise be to the Spirit, Love's power!

Praise be to God!

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup

The body of Christ.

Thanks be to God for the bread of life.

The blood of Christ.

Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal and gracious One, though we live in a world of need,

here we have tasted your goodness and hungered for a world more just.

Though afflicted by brokenness and division,

here we have heard your call to be a people of healing community.

Though daily we touch our limits,

here we have received the fullness of your grace.

Send us forth, O God,

in faith, in hope, and in love. Amen.

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 have given us the bread of life and the cup of salvation. As we bring our gifts today, we join with Your church worldwide, offering our resources, our faith, and our service. Bless these offerings, small as they may seem, and multiply them to spread Your love and justice. May our gifts strengthen your body comfort the grieving, and proclaim Your hope to all nations. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Offering of Personal Prayers to God

Hymn Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ VU 573

- 1 Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,
I know not how to ask or what to say;
I only know my need, as deep as life,
and only you can teach me how to pray.**
- 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
help me to see your purpose and your will,
where I have failed, what I have done amiss;
held in forgiving love, let me be still.**
- 3 Come with the vision and the strength I need
to serve my God, and all humanity;
fulfillment of my life in love outpoured -
my life in you, O Christ, your love in me**

Benediction

Go forth, beloved, as one body in Christ. May the God who hears every cry fill you with hope, the Christ who unites us at his Table guide your steps, and the Spirit who binds us together empower your service. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Amen.

Sung Benediction: May the God of Hope VU424

**1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and
peace.**

**May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and
race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**2 May the God of healing free the earth from
fear, freeing us for peace, both treasured and
pursued.**

**May the God of love keep our commitment
clear to a world restored, to human life
renewed.**

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Postlude † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †

Bulletins today are to the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of Carson and Jean Jardine placed by their loving daughter Debbie Ellison.

Today: Join us in the church hall following Worship for Fellowship and Refreshments

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

Wednesdays:

Scrapbooking 9:30 a.m. Board Room

Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Thursday: Parent & Child 5:30 p.m. Social Hall

October 27th; Book Club 1:00 p.m. The book is The God of the Woods by Liz Moore.

Oct. 18th Apple Pie Sales. Sign up sheets for orders and volunteers are Narthex.

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. 30th. 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 8TH 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 26th 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.

Oct. 8th: 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. 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.

Dec. 5th: Jonny & the MoonDawgs 7:00 p.m. here at Mountain View United! Tickets \$20.00, now available in the office.

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.



Our Fall Fair will be November 1st, 2025 with a Fall theme.

Pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Fair will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Your contributions to any of the following areas would be greatly appreciated.

Pickles, jams, jellies

Breads & spreads

Attic Treasures

Fudge & baking

Christmas items

Purses & scarves

Silent Auction items

Jewelry

Books, puzzles, games,

Crafts

CD's, DVD's

Plants

If you wish to volunteer at the Fair please call the church office 506-857-4817, there are many areas we could use your help. Come dressed in your fall colors.

Nov. 8th – Crafts & Baking Market, Mountain View United, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Free admission.