

**Mountain View United Church**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**February 1, 2026**

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## **Gathering Music**

### **Words of Welcome**

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

### **Announcements**

### **Hymn: Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU395**

- R 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

- 3 There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;  
we are the branches, Christ is the vine. This is  
God's temple, it's not yours or mine, but 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:**

With Christ's light our lives can be as lanterns  
shining God's glory through our faith. May God's  
light bless our worship, our praise and our  
sanctification.

### **Call to Worship:**

Come, let us gather in the presence of the Holy One,  
who calls the mountains and hills as witnesses to our  
lives.

**We come, O God, hearing Your ancient  
question: “What does the Lord require of  
you?”**

Not burnt offerings or empty rituals, but to do justice,  
to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

**We come, drawn by the voice of Jesus on the  
hillside, proclaiming blessing to the poor in**

**spirit, the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers, and those who hunger for righteousness.**

In this upside-down kingdom, true blessedness awaits. Let us worship the God who turns the world's values on their head.

**We come to worship, to listen, to be changed.  
Open our hearts, O God, and draw us near.  
Amen.**

**Where Are We: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Holy and Gracious God, You who led Your people through wilderness and sea, You who spoke through prophets and in the teaching of Jesus: we gather before You, poor in spirit yet rich in Your mercy. Open our eyes to see the blessedness You declare—for those who mourn, who hunger for justice, who make peace. In the name of Christ, who embodied the ways of Your kingdom, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn: When We Are Living**

**VU581**

1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our

living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.

- 2 Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 3 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 4 Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God, we belong to God.

### **Children's Song:**

### **He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (vs 1,2,5)**

1. He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.
2. He's got the little tiny baby in His hands. He's got the little tiny baby in His hands. He's got the little

tiny baby in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

5. He's got ev'rybody here in His hands. He's got ev'rybody here in His hands. He's got ev'rybody here in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

## **Children's Ministry**

### **Ministry of Music**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, You have shown us what is good: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with You. Yet we confess how often we fall short. We have turned away from justice, ignoring the cries of the oppressed and the marginalized. We have withheld kindness, choosing judgment over compassion, division over mercy. We have walked in pride, relying on our own strength instead of humble dependence on You. Lead us towards Your ways, that Your love may fill our hearts. Amen**

# Scripture

## **Micah 6:1-8** read by Régina Côté

Listen to what the Lord says:

“Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. “Hear, you mountains, the Lord’s accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the Lord has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel. “My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me. I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam. My people, remember what Balak king of Moab plotted and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.”

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act

justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

### **Matthew 5:1-12 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw**

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### **Reflection**

## Hymn: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

**VU684**

- 1 Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred, let me bring your love; where there is injury, your healing power, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
- 2 Make me a channel of your peace: where there's despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light; and where there's sadness, ever joy.
- R O Spirit, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.
- 3 Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving to all that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## 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.**

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**

## **Musical Offering**

## **Offertory Prayer:**

**Generous God, giver of every good gift, we bring these offerings not as payment or ritual, but as signs of our commitment to your**

**kingdom. Multiply them for justice—to feed the hungry, to free the oppressed, to heal the broken. Use them in kindness—to comfort those who mourn, to show mercy to the stranger. Through Christ, who gave everything for us, we pray. Amen.**

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

### **Hymn: Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79**

- R. Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.
1. God, replace my stony heart, with a heart that's kind and tender. All my coldness and fear, to your grace I now surrender. R
2. Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. R
3. May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother. In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. R

## **Spoken Benediction**

Go now in the blessing. May you be poor in spirit and rich in God's kingdom. May you mourn with those who suffer and find comfort in God's nearness. May you hunger for righteousness and be filled. May you show mercy and receive mercy. May you make peace and be known as children of God. And may the God of steadfast love—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—go with you, before you, and within you, this day and forevermore.

**Benediction:      Gloria**

**VU37**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!

**Postlude**



**Bulletins this week are in loving memory of  
brother, John Eagles by sister Mary Allen.**

# Announcements

## This Week at Mountain View

**Today:      Coffee & Conversation      Hall**

Join us after service for refreshments and fellowship.

### **Parent Child Program**

All caregivers with school-age children (or younger), please stay after coffee and conversation for fun and fellowship.

### **Mon: Book Club 1:30pm Parlour**

Rescheduled from last week; the book is James by Percival Everett.

### **Tues: Bible Study      1:00pm      Sanctuary**

We continue to watch and discuss Season 5 of The Chosen – this week will be Episode 4.

### **Wednesday: Choir Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary**

### **Thursday: Adult Fellowship 10:00am Hall**

Drop by the church for a casual social time together. Join a board game or just catch up over coffee and snack. Everyone Welcome....Bring a friend!

## **Coming Up at Mountain View**

### **February 14: Friendship Tea 1:30 – 3:00pm**

Entertainment provided; free will offering. Please call the office to reserve your spot!

### **February 15: Annual Congregational Meeting**

Immediately after Coffee & Conversation in Hall  
Annual Reports are now available in the Narthex.

### **Tues. February 17: Pancake Supper**

Volunteers Needed! Please sign up in the Narthex  
\$12.00 a plate; kids eat free (doors open 4:30pm)

### **Thurs. February 19: Lenten Study**

A defense of the truth of the Gospels based on the book “Cold Case Christianity” will be taking place every Thursday in Lent from 7:00-8:30 pm. Please sign up in Narthex so we know how many to expect – all welcome. No purchase or materials required.

### **March 14: Indoor Yard Sale**

While we know everyone is excited for our next yard sale, we ask that you hold off on dropping any donations at the church until March 1st due to lack of storage space. If you are interested in helping with the yard sale (sorting or selling), please contact the office.

## **Coming Up in Our Community:**

**Sat. February 7: New To You Clothing Sale**

9:00-12:00 @ St. Paul's United Church

404 Cleveland Avenue, Riverview

**Scripture Readers** – we are looking for scripture readers to participate during worship service. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact the office to be on our “On-Call” list.

**Parking Passes** – due to ongoing concerns, we have updated our parking passes for 2026. Please contact the office if you need a pass and we will be happy to issue you one!

**Every Tuesday @ 11:30-1:30** – Join Hillside Church at **First Baptist Church** for coffee, snacks, warmth, and fellowship.

**If you or you know someone that would like a home or hospital visit from Rev. Shaw please contact the church office. Please note that due to hospital policy, Rev. Shaw is unable to visit patients without an express request from the patient or their next-of-kin. Home visits and/or phone calls can also be arranged by advising the office.**

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