

**Mountain View United Church**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**February 8, 2026**

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**Gathering Music**

**Words of Welcome**

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

**Announcements**

**Hymn: Great Shepherd of Your People    VU 398**

- 1 Great Shepherd of your people, hear! your presence now display; as you have given a place for prayer, so give us hearts to pray.
- 2 Within these walls let holy peace and love and friendship dwell; here give the troubled conscience ease, the wounded spirit heal.
- 3 May we in faith receive your word, in faith present our prayers; and in the presence of our God unburden all our cares.

- 4 The hearing ear, the seeing eye, the contrite heart bestow; and shine upon us from on high, that we in grace may grow.

### **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, people of God, you who are called to be the salt of the earth!

**We gather to remember our purpose: to preserve what is good, to add flavor to a weary world, to live as valuable agents of God's grace.**

Like salt that keeps decay at bay, God calls us to stand against injustice.

**We come to live the blessed life of the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers.**

Like a mined gem, we are precious in God's sight—called, redeemed, and sent.

**We come to offer our lives as living sacrifices, preserved by God's holy law fulfilled in Jesus. Let us worship the One who makes us salty again!**

**Praise the Lord!**

## **Where Are We: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

### **Opening Prayer:**

**Gracious and Eternal God, Creator of every good gift, we come before You this day with grateful hearts. You have made us to be conservers in a declining world— to protect the vulnerable, to resist injustice, and to hold fast to what is true and right. Open our eyes to see the hungry, the oppressed, the homeless among us, and stir our hands to act in obedience and compassion. We gather now in Your presence, hungry for Your word, thirsty for Your Spirit. Speak to us, renew us, send us out as salty disciples once more. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we pray. Amen.**

### **Hymn: It's a Song of Praise for the Maker**

**MV30**

- 1 It's a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree. It's a song of praise to the Maker, the gray whale sings in the sea,
- R. And by the Spirit, you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
2. It's a call of life to the Giver when waves and waterfalls roar. It's a call of life to the Giver when

- high tides break on the shore, R
3. It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumblebees hum along. It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the summer breeze joins the song, R
4. It's the chorus of all creation; it's sung by all living things. It's the chorus of all creation, R

### **Children's Song: Jesus Loves Me VU 365**

1. Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong.
- R Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
- 2 Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, 'Let them come to me.' R

### **Children's Ministry Ministry of Music**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to preserve justice: we confess that we have withheld flavor: our lives have become bland and self-centered, lacking the zest of mercy, humility, and peacemaking. Wash away the**

**impurities that dilute our purpose. By Your grace, make us potent again - preservers of righteousness, bringers of flavor, bearers of kingdom worth. Through Christ, who fulfills the law and redeems our failures, we pray. Amen**

## **Scripture**

**Isaiah 58:1-9a** read by Joan Peddle

Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’

“Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble

themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

**Matthew 5: 13-20** read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine

before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

## **Reflection**

### **Hymn:        Deep in Our Hearts        MV 154**

1. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision, deep in our hearts there is a common song, deep in our hearts there is a common story, telling Creation that we are one.
2. Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose, deep in our hearts there is a common goal, deep in our hearts there is a sacred message, justice and peace in

harmony.

3. Deep in our hearts there is a common longing, deep in our hearts there is a common theme, deep in our hearts there is a common current, flowing to freedom like a stream.
4. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision, deep in our hearts there is a common song, deep in our hearts there is a common story, telling Creation that we are one.

## **Invitation to Share Offering Musical Offering**

### **Offertory Prayer:**

**Generous God, Giver of every good and perfect gift, we bring these offerings before You today. Use them to preserve life where decay threatens: to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, and break every yoke of injustice, as Your prophet Isaiah declared. We give them in the name of Jesus Christ, who gave everything for us. Amen.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**



## **Hymn:    Wherever You May Go            MV 216**

R. Wherever you may go, I will follow, and your people shall be my people too. Wherever you may go, I will follow, for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

1. Say the word and I will stay, I will never go away, we will travel side by side, and God's love will be our guide.                            R
2. From beginning to the end, I will always be your friend, when you need me I'll be there, you can trust my faithful care.    R

### **Spoken Benediction**

Go forth this week—loose a bond of injustice, share a meal with the hungry, add kindness to a harsh conversation. Let your light shine, your salt season. And may God, who preserves us, make us flavorful and valuable for His glory.

### **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**



## **Announcements**

### **This Week at Mountain View**

**Mon: UCW Meeting      1:30pm    Parlour**

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

We continue to watch and discuss Season 5 of The Chosen.

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

**Saturday:      Friendship Tea      1:30 – 3:00pm**

Entertainment provided; free will offering. Spots are still available by calling 506-857-4817!

**Sun. Feb 15:      Annual Congregational Meeting**

Immediately after Coffee & Conversation in Hall

Annual Reports are now available in the Narthex.

Families last name A-L are asked to bring sandwiches and M-Z asked to bring sweets (no nuts).

### **Coming Up at Mountain View**

**Tues. February 17: Pancake Supper**

Volunteers Needed! Please sign up in the Narthex

\$12.00 a plate; kids eat free (doors open 4:30pm)

**Weds. February 18: Ash Wednesday Service**

**11:00am**

### **Thurs. February 19: Lenten Study 7:00pm**

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.

**Tax Receipts** – now available in the narthex until March 1<sup>st</sup>, after which those with known addresses will be mailed out.

**Book Club** – our next meeting will be Monday, February 23rd at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlour. The book this month is *All The Things We Do For Love* by Kristen Hannah.

**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.

**Membership & Baptism** – if you are interested in becoming a member or getting baptized, please sign up in the Narthex. Our next new-members and baptism service will take place at Easter.

**Offering Envelopes** – anyone who has missed picking up their envelopes are asked to please contact the office to retrieve them.

**Parking Passes** – due to ongoing concerns, we have updated our parking passes for 2026. Please contact the office if you need a pass to park at the church for non-church related reasons 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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