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Words of Welcome

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

Announcements

Hymn: Worship the Lord VU 401 v. 1, 3, 4

R Worship the Lord (worship the Lord) worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son, raising our hands (raising our hands) in devotion to God who is one!

1 Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing, and with our lips our togetherness voicing, giving ourselves to a life of creativeness, worship and work must be one! R

2 Praying and training that we be a blessing, and by our handiwork daily confessing: we are committed to serving humanity, worship and work must be one! R

- 3 Called to be partners with God in creation, honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation, we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice, worship and work must be one!
R
- 4 Bringing the bread and the wine to the table, asking that we may be led and enabled, truly united to build new communities, worship and work must be one! R
- 5 Now in response to the life you are giving, help us, O Father, to offer our living, seeking a just and a healing society, worship and work must be one! R

Extinguishing the Lenten Candles:

We gather to celebrate God's light. We also confess our nature, which often seeks to snuff out God's light. Let us pray, fast, and seek refuge in the Lord our God, as we come to find a deeper appreciation for our Savior.

Call to Worship:

Beloved, hear the invitation that echoes through the ages: The One who spoke to an aging wanderer in his homeland now speaks to us. Come, leave behind what is familiar and step into the promise of new horizons. The same voice that called a seeker in the night to be born anew calls us today—out of our settled ways, into the fresh wind of the Spirit.

Let us rise and respond with open hearts. Come, let us worship the God who calls us forth, who promises blessing beyond our imagining, and who leads us into life eternal. Let us worship together!

Where Are We: Second Sunday in Lent

Opening Prayer:

As we enter Your presence Lord, make us ready to trust Your promises, to follow where You lead, and to become channels of blessing for the world. We open our hearts to You, the God of ancient covenants and new birth. In the name of the One who came to fulfill every promise, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story VU343

- 1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
- R I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
- 2 I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams. I love to tell the story, for some have

never heard the message of salvation from God's
own holy Word R

- 3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the
rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new,
new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have
loved so long R

Children's Song: I've Got Peace Like a River

VU 577 v. 1, 3

1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a
river, I've got peace like a river in-a my soul. I've
got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
- 3 I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an
ocean, I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an
ocean, I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

Children's Ministry

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us from every barrier
that keeps us from following You fully. Renew our
hearts, release us from what binds us, and grant us**

the grace to say yes to Your call. Through Christ, who lifts us up and gives us life abundant, hear our prayer. Amen.

Scripture

Genesis 12:1-4a read by Errol Red Nisnisan

The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

John 3:1–17 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Reflection

Hymn: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

(Here I am, Lord) VU 509

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

R Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
- 2 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them; my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? R

Communion

Invitation

In the name of the One who said, “I am the bread of life,” I invite you to come and eat.

In the name of the One who said, “I am the true vine,” I invite you to come and drink.

In the name of the One who said, “Love one another, as I have loved, you,” I invite you to the table of Jesus Christ.

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

Blessed are you, gracious God, Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love. From the dust of the earth, you created us in your image. From the bondage and slavery, you delivered us. Through all our wilderness wanderings you guide us. You call us to renewal and repentance, to justice and compassion, to healing and wholeness. We thank you for sending us Jesus, your Chosen One, Bread for our journey. He lived and loved this human life, taking upon himself our suffering and sorrow, being tested as we are tested,

and reaching out to broken victims of the world's brokenness. In him we come to know your truth, to feel the life that is Christ within us. So it is that throughout these Lenten days and nights we worship you, and bless 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

When Jesus knew that his hour had come, he gathered with his friends for a meal. Getting up from the table, he tied a towel around himself and washed their feet. And, after he had finished, he said, "I have set an example for you; do as I have done to you." Then he took bread, blessed it, and gave it, even to Judas, saying, "I am the Bread of Life. Do this to remember me." And he blessed the cup, and gave it to them saying, "I am the True Vine. Drink of this cup to remember me." Then he gave them a new commandment, saying, "Love one another as I have loved you. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13, 15

Prayer of Self-giving

Remembering your boundless love for us in Jesus Christ, we offer you our praise, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Affirmation of Memory and Hope

By sharing in this loaf and cup we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again. **Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!**

Prayer of Transformation

Holy God, pour your Spirit on us, that we may know Christ in the breaking of bread, and that in word and deed, we may be channels of your love, peace, and justice in the world.

Concluding Praise

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, and in the power of your life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup

The bread that we break **is our sharing in the life of Christ.**

The cup for which we give thanks **is our sharing in the life of Christ.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Come for all things are now ready

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:

May our giving reflect hearts transformed, no longer bound by scarcity but alive with the promise of Your provision. We offer ourselves and these resources in gratitude, trusting You to fulfill what You have begun in us. In the name of Jesus, our greatest gift, Amen.

Offering of Personal Prayers to God

Hymn: Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love
VU574

1. Come, let us sing of a wonderful love, tender and true, tender and true, out of the heart of the Father above, streaming to me and to you: wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.
- 2 Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell joyfully came, joyfully came, came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell, sharing their sorrow and shame, seeking the lost, seeking the lost, saving, redeeming at measureless cost.
- 3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet; why do they roam? why do they roam? Love only waits to forgive and forget; home, weary wanderers, home! Wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.
- 4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love! Come and abide, come and abide, lifting my life till it rises above envy and falsehood and pride: seeking to be, seeking to be lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

Spoken Benediction

May the God who spoke blessing into uncertainty go before you, making your paths places of promise and purpose. May the Spirit who blows where it wills guide your steps, leading you from flesh-bound living into abundant, eternal life. Go out in peace. Amen

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

Today: Coffee & Conversation 11:30am Hall
Parent & Child Program 12:30pm Hall

Mon: Book Club 1:00pm Parlour

This month's book is All The Things We Do For Love by Kristen Hannah – rescheduled from last week!

Tues: Bible Study 1:00pm Sanctuary

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

Weds: Choir Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary

Thurs: Lenten Study 7:00pm Parlour

A defense of the truth of the Gospels based on the book "Cold Case Christianity" every Thursday in Lent. All welcome! No materials required.

Coming Up at Mountain View

Congregational Meeting March 8, 2026

A congregational meeting will be held immediately following service. The purpose of the meeting will be to decide whether to continue our worship time at 10:30 or move to 10:00.

Indoor Yard Sale:

Item Drop-Off: Monday through Friday 10:00-2:00

Yard Sale: March 14th 8:30 – 12:00

In Our Community

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

Leap Into Spring Ham Dinner – March 14; 6:00pm
Mount Royal United Church; 106 Mount Royal Blvd.
\$20 a plate (limit of 80); call 506-855-5771 by March 8th

St. Paddy's at St. John's Kitchen Party

March 14; 6:30pm @ 75 Alma Street, Moncton

A fun-filled evening of singing and music. Bring your instruments and join the fun!

Office Hours – Rev. Jacob is now holding office hours every Wednesday from 9:00am to noon. Please feel free to call or drop by if you wish to speak with him. Visits can still be arranged outside of these times by contacting the office.

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.

M&S Contributions – if you want any part of your offering to be earmarked for Mission & Service purposes, please include “M&S” and signify the dollar amount on your offering envelope.

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!

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 or calling during Rev. Jacob’s Wednesday office hours.

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