

Mountain View United Church
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Words of Welcome

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

Announcements

Hymn: This Day God Gives Me VU 410

- 1 This day God gives me strength of high heaven, sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth, flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness, deeps of the ocean, firmness of earth.
- 2 This day God sends me strength to sustain me, might to uphold me, wisdom as guide. Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening, your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.
- 3 God's way is my way, God's shield is round me, God's host defends me, saving from ill. Angels of heaven,

drive from me always all that would harm me, stand by me still.

- 4 Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One, King of creation, giver of rest, firmly confessing Threeness of Persons, Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.

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:

Come, all who are weary and thirsty in this dry and weary land.

We come, longing for water that truly satisfies.

The world offers many wells - some cracked, some empty, some bitter.

Yet God calls us to the spring that never runs dry.

Jesus stands at the well of our hearts and says, "If anyone is thirsty, let them come to me."

We come to worship the One who knows our deepest thirst and offers living water.

Open your hearts; lift your voices.

Let us worship the God who quenches every longing!

Where Are We: Third Sunday in Lent

Opening Prayer:

Gracious and loving God, You are the source of all life, the fountain that never fails. We gather before You today aware of our thirsts—the thirst for meaning, for love, for peace, for purpose. Open our eyes to see You, open our ears to hear Your voice, and open our hearts to receive the fullness only You can give. As we worship, may every song, every word, every moment point us back to You, the true satisfaction of our souls. In the name of Jesus, our Living Water, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: O God, How We Have Wandered VU 112

- 1 O God, how we have wandered and hidden from your face; in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace. But how, in exile dwelling, we turn with fear and shame, as distant but compelling, you call us each by name.
- 2 And now at length discerning the evil that we do, by faith we are returning with hope and trust in you. In haste you come to meet us, and home rejoicing bring, in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

- 3 O God of all the living, both banished and restored, compassionate, forgiving, our peace and hope assured. Grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease. Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.

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

Lord, we hear the good news: Jesus came to seek and save the thirsty. Whoever believes in Him will never thirst again. By His grace, your sins are

forgiven, and you are invited to drink freely from the well of eternal life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7 read by Régina Côté

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?”

But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

Then Moses cried out to the Lord, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

The Lord answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the

Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

John 4:5-26 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

“I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

Reflection

Hymn: Wellspring of Wisdom VU 287

1. Wellspring of wisdom, hear our cry. The way ahead is parched and dry. We seek a source to satisfy our thirst for sanctifying waters, wisdom for your faith-filled sons and daughters.
- 2 Dawn of a new day, put to flight the terrors of a nuclear night. As bearers of your loving light, we

huddle closer to your fire, lift the lamp of hope a little higher.

- 3 Garden of grace, your gifts abound, the sacred signs are all around, the whole of earth is holy ground. We learn, from all of life expressing, how to grow in sowing seeds of blessing.
- 4 Call to compassion, help us bring our burning need for nurturing, the emptiness of everything to your embrace, as we endeavour to proclaim your holy name forever.

Invitation to Share Offering

Musical Offering

Offertory Prayer:

May these offerings be used to bring refreshment to the thirsty—to those who hunger for justice, for hope, for the gospel message that alone can satisfy. Multiply what we give, Lord, so that through this church and beyond, others may taste and see that You are good. We offer ourselves afresh as living sacrifices, ready to share the living water we have received. In the name of Jesus, who gave everything for us, we pray. Amen.

Offering of Personal Prayers to God

Lord's Prayer

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.

R 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

Spoken Benediction

Go, refreshed and renewed, to live as those who have drunk deeply from the well of salvation. 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: Congregational Meeting

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.

Mon: UCW Meeting 1:30pm Parlour

Tues: Bible Study 1:00pm Sanctuary

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

Weds: Scrapbooking 9:15am Board Room

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!

Saturday Indoor Yard Sale 8:30 – 12:00

Drop off your items 10:00-2:00 Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Stop by to help set up Thursday & Friday!

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!

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!

Book Club - our book is *The Book of Salt*
Meeting March 30th

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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