

**Mountain View United Church**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**March 22, 2026**

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**Rev. Jacob Shaw**  
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**Gathering Music**

**Words of Welcome**

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

**Announcements**

**Hymn: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**  
**VU 400 x2**

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace!

**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, let us worship the Lord with glad hearts!

**We come to praise the One who created us,  
redeemed us, and calls us by name.**

Enter God's presence with thanksgiving and songs of joy,

**For the Lord is good—His love endures  
forever!**

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

**Let us worship God together!**

**Where Are We: Fifth Sunday in Lent**

### **Opening Prayer:**

**Gracious and Eternal God, We gather in Your holy presence this day, drawn by Your steadfast love and the promise of Your grace. Open our hearts to receive Your word, our eyes to behold Your beauty, and our spirits to be renewed by Your Holy Spirit. As we lift our voices in praise and prayer, may everything within us bless Your holy name. We come not in our own strength but trusting in the mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn: In the Bulb There Is a Flower**      **VU 703**

- 1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
- 2 There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
- 3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

**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**

**Merciful God, You invite us into Your light, yet we often choose shadows. We confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart, nor our neighbors as ourselves. We have been quick to judge, slow to forgive, and silent in the face of injustice. Renew a right spirit within us, and restore the joy of Your salvation. Through Christ our Redeemer, who bore our sins and rose to give us new life, we pray. Amen.**

## **Scripture**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14** read by Morley Denne

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He

asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.’”

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up

and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.’”

**John 11: 38-45** read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

## **Reflection**

**Hymn:      Amazing Grace**

**VU 266**

- 1    Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved  
      a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am  
      found, was blind, but now I see.
- 2    'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
      grace my fears relieved; how precious did that  
      grace appear the hour I first believed.
- 3    Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have  
      already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe  
      thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4    The Lord has promised good to me, this word  
      my hope secures; God will my shield and  
      portion be as long as life endures.
- 5    When we've been there ten thousand years,  
      bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to  
      sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

**Invitation to Share Offering**

## **Musical Offering**

### **Offertory Prayer:**

**Generous God, Giver of every good gift, You have blessed us beyond measure—with life, with love, with resources to share. We offer these gifts now, not out of obligation, but as an act of gratitude and worship. Multiply them, Lord, for the work of Your kingdom: to feed the hungry, comfort the sorrowful, welcome the stranger, and proclaim the gospel of grace. May these offerings, and the offering of our very lives, bring glory to Your name. In the name of Jesus, who gave everything for us, we pray. Amen.**

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

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

#### **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**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forever. Go forth in peace, to love and serve the Lord. 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

**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.

## Coming Up at Mountain View

**Book Club** – our book for March 30th is The Book of Salt

### **Holy Week Schedule:**

Maundy Thursday (April 2nd): 6:00pm Service - Sanctuary

Good Friday (April 3rd): 7:00pm Service – Sanctuary  
Tidal Church Services at 9:00am & 11:00am

Easter Sunday (April 5th): 10:30am Service – Sanctuary  
Hot-Cross Buns, Cheese, Tea/Coffee available starting at 9:30. If there happen to be buns left over after service, we will have them at Coffee & Conversation!

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

## **Coming Up in Our Community**

### **March 26/27: Silent Auction AND Dessert Extravaganza**

St. John's United Church

#### **Silent Auction:**

Thursday 10am – 9pm & Friday 10am – 4pm

**Dessert Extravaganza:** \$7.50 / serving; eat in or take out

Thursday 2 – 4pm & 7 – 9pm; Friday 2 – 4pm

#### **April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 – 5:00 pm:**

**Botique Maneaux Madame – Mrs. Coats Pop Up Sale**

St. Paul's United Church, Riverview

**Coffee & Conversation** – we are looking for donations of cookies, crackers, and various other food “treats” to include in our Coffee & Conversation time as our stores are getting low. Please drop off any donations to the office.

**Camp Ta-Wa-Si** - Funds are available to send two children from the congregation to Camp Ta-Wa-Si this summer. Any parents who have children interested in attending camp should contact the church office, Debbie Ellison or, Barb Groundwater. For information on Camp Ta-Wa-Si, go to [www.camptawasi.ca](http://www.camptawasi.ca).

**Joyland** - Due to growth in Joyland we are looking for a volunteer to lead either a K - Grade 5 or Grades 6 - 9 group. While it is possible to have all children and youth in the same class, spiritual needs will be better met if separated.

**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.

**Scripture Readers** – we are always 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 Readers” list.

**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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**Office Hours:**

Mon, Tues, Thurs 9:00 – 1:00; Fri 9:00 – 12:00

Minister’s Office Hours: Weds 9:00 – 12:00