

**Mountain View United Church**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**May 17, 2026**

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**Gathering Music**

**Words of Welcome**

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

**Announcements**

**Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God VU 262**

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper sure amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing: for still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; with power and malice great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth he has no equal.
- 2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing: dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his

name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

- 3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed the truth to triumph through us: the prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.
- 4 That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Christ, who with us sideth: let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still, God's kingdom is for ever.

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

The world is a live with the sounds of creation, creation sings to the glory and majesty of our Lord, let us this day sing too, sing and raise our praises.

### **Call to Worship:**

Come, let us worship the God who holds us when the world persecutes us.

**We come, though weary from the fight, trusting  
in His mighty hand.**

He calls us by name and shields us by His power.

**We come to exalt the One who restores and makes us strong.**

**In the midst of trials and opposition, lift up your hearts!  
We lift them up to the Lord, our Protector, our  
Glory, and our Hope!**

**Where Are We: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Gracious and Holy Father, You are the God who never abandons Your people in a world that opposes them. You have already overcome the darkness through Your Son. Draw near to us now. Quiet our anxious hearts, strengthen our faith, and remind us that we are held securely in Your name. In His powerful name we pray, Amen**

**Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)**

**VU 806 v 1-3, 6**

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 2 under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure, sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.

- 3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

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

**VU 340**

### **Jesus, Friend of Little Children**

- 1 Jesus, friend of little children, let me be one too; take my hand, and ever keep me close to you.
- 2 Teach me how to grow in goodness, daily as I grow. You have been a child, and surely you must know.
- 3 Never leave me, nor forsake me; ever be my friend; for I need you, from life's dawning to its end.

### **Children's Ministry**

### **Ministry of Music**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have often feared the roar of opposition more than we have trusted Your protecting hand. Too, we have forgotten that sharing in Christ's sufferings is the path to sharing in His glory. Forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us from our cowardice and unbelief. Renew a spirit of humble**

**dependence and bold faith within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who prayed for us and died for us. Amen.**

## **Scripture**

**1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11** read by Regina Cote

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

**John 17:1-11** read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them

by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

## **Reflection**

### **Hymn: Be Still My Soul**

**VU 652**

- 1 Be still, my soul, for God is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Trust in your God, your saviour and your guide, who through all changes faithful will remain. Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul, your God will undertake to guide the future surely as the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey the voice that once the waves' wild fury stayed.
- 3 Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever in God's peace; when disappointment, grief and fear are gone, love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease. Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

## **Invitation to Share Offering**

## **Musical Offering**

## **Offertory Prayer:**

**Generous Father, we bring these gifts today as a declaration that You are our Provider and that we belong to Your kingdom, not to the powers that oppose it. Use these offerings to strengthen Your church and to care for those who suffer for righteousness' sake. Through Christ we pray, Amen.**

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

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Hymn: In the Garden**

**MVF 23**

1 I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses; and the voice I hear, falling on my ear; the Son Of God discloses.

R And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own, and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that He gave to me, within my heart is ringing. R

3 I'd stay in the garden with Him tho' the night around me be falling, but He bids me go; thou' the voice of woe, his voice to me is calling.

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## **Spoken Benediction**

Go forth in peace, stand firm in faith, cast your anxieties on Him who cares for you, and live boldly for Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God Almighty—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be with you and remain with you always. Amen

**Benediction:**

**VU 425**

### **God, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing**

- 1 God, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace; O refresh us, O refresh us, travelling through the wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound; may your presence, may your presence, with us evermore be found.

**Postlude** † † † † † † † † † † † † † †

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# Announcements

## This Week at Mountain View

**Today: Coffee & Conversation 11:30am Hall**

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

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

## Coming Up at Mountain View

**Ask the Minister** – What do YOU want Rev. Jacob to preach on? Please submit a scripture passage or question to the wooden chest at the back of the sanctuary and Rev. Jacob will respond to as many items as possible throughout June.

**Book Club** May 25 1:30 PM

Book this month is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi.

**Seniors Expo** - Saturday, June 6th @ 1:00pm

Guest Speaker Cecile Cassista from Coalition for Seniors together with many informational booths.

**Artshine Summer Camp** – Bilingual art and music day camp to take place at Mountain View this summer! Check out [Artshine.ca/camps](http://Artshine.ca/camps) for details or to register.

2 Sessions Available: July 13-17 and Aug 10 – 14.

**Staff Vacation** – Please be aware that Rev. Jacob and his family will be away for the month of July. Temporary office hours and coverage information will be provided closer to that time.

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

**RIVERSONG PRESENTS - SISTERS OF THE SKY**  
An evening of music will be presented by Riversong, a female a cappella vocal ensemble based in Greater Moncton, on Tuesday, May 19th at 7pm at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Riverview. They have prepared a program with a wide variety of songs from madrigals to the Beatles, old classics and contemporary numbers. A free will offering at the door will help with the cost of repairs to the elevator in the church.

### **VISIONS UNITED'S FINAL SERVICE**

Sunday May 31st 10:00a.m. (Reception to Follow)  
140 Joyce Ave, Moncton. You are welcome to join Visions' members as they celebrate their 15 years as a congregation.

**Library** – Our library will be dismantled over the summer. If you have donated books to the Library and wish to have them returned to you, please pick them up before June 7th.

**Printer** – you will notice a new printer in our Parlour. In the interest of saving costs, copies can only be made by log-in with a code. If you need copies made, please plan ahead and contact the church office to make the necessary arrangements.

**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.

**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 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 (9:00 – 12:00).**