

**Mountain View United Church**  
**85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3**  
**June 21, 2026**

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**Gathering Music**

**Words of Welcome**

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

**Announcements**

**Hymn: Softly and Tenderly**

**MVF 73**

- 1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
- R Come home, come home; you who are weary come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!
- 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? R

3 Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me; shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me. R

4 O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. R

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

Creation is in bloom and life abounds, let our heart do the same in response to Christ the King. Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer – pour out Your love upon us for our renewal in worship.

### **Call to Worship:**

Today is the day of greatest light.

**We bask in the warmth of the Creator's love.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting, God's name is to be praised.

**In the brightness of the morning, we lift our hearts.**

Let us celebrate the Giver of Life and Light.

**Let us worship God together!**

**Where Are We: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

## **Opening Prayer:**

**Lord, we thank You for the gift of this long, bright day. We thank You for the energy of summer—for the deep green of the trees, the heat of the earth, and the life that flourishes all around us. As we gather in this sanctuary of light, shine Your truth into our hearts. Quiet the noise of our busy lives so we may hear Your voice. May our worship today be as vibrant and joyful as the world You have made. Amen.**

## **Children's Song: All God's Critters**

3 Listen to the top where the little birds sing on the melody with the high notes ringing, hoot owl hollers over everything. The jay bird disagrees.

R All God's critters got a place in the choir, some sing lower and some sing higher, some sing out loud on the telephone wire, some just clap their hands or paws or anything they got now.

5 It's a simple song, a living song, everywhere with the fox and ox and the grizzly bear and the grumpy alligator and the hawks above, the sly racoon and the turtle dove

R

## **Children's Ministry**

## **Ministry of Music**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Loving God, You shine Your light into every corner of the world, but we confess that we sometimes prefer the shadows. We hide our mistakes and tuck away our regrets. We admit that in the busyness of these long days, we often forget to make room for You. Forgive us for the times we have dimmed Your light through our words, actions or our silence. We repent and ask that You help us to reflect Your brightness in all that we do. Amen.**

**Question:** Why do good people suffer?

## **Scripture**

**Job 1:1, 8 - 22** read by Régina Côté

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. <sup>8</sup>Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

"Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But now stretch out your hand and strike

everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.”

The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.” Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

One day when Job’s sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother’s house, a messenger came to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!” While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, “The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!” While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!” While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, “Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother’s house, when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only

one who has escaped to tell you!” At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.” In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

## **Reflection / Response**

**Hymn: The Old Rugged Cross**

### **Songs of the Gospel 5**

- 1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.
- R So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.
- 2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above to bear it to dark Calvary.  
R
- 3 In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see, for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. R

4 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear; then He'll call me some day to my home far away, where His glory forever I'll share R

## **Question Period**

## **Invitation to Share Offering**

## **Musical Offering**

## **Offertory Prayer:**

**Generous God, You pour out Your blessings like the summer rain. We bring these gifts to You today as an act of gratitude for Your constant care. May these offerings be used to bring light to those in dark places and warmth to those who feel alone. Multiply what we give, so that Your love may reach further than we can imagine. Amen.**

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

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **Hymn: Leaning on the Everlasting Love MVF 76**

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms

R Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. R

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have peace complete with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. R

### **Spoken Benediction**

As you go out into the warmth of this day, may the Lord bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May you carry God's light as a summer solstice in Your heart, bringing warmth and hope to everyone you meet. Go in peace, to love and to serve. 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

**Our prayers and sympathies are extended to Heather Wood and her family on the passing of her husband, Frank.**

**Our prayers and sympathies are extended to Faye Mitchell and her family on the passing of her husband, Stephen.**

**Please join us after service today for refreshments in the Social Hall – all welcome!**

**Joyland Picnic – Join us at Read Park after service for a picnic lunch and play at the park! Joyland will provide sandwiches and drinks, please feel free to bring a snack to share.**

**Staff Vacation** – Please be aware that Rev. Jacob and his family will be away for the month of July. The office will be open every Wednesday morning from 9:00 until 11:00.

**Joyland** - We are still looking for a volunteer to lead either a K - Grade 5 or Grades 6 - 9 group for Joyland beginning in September. This will assist our programming in better meetings the spiritual needs of all children attending.

**If you, or someone you know, would like a home visit, hospital visit, or phone call from Rev. Shaw, please advise 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.**

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