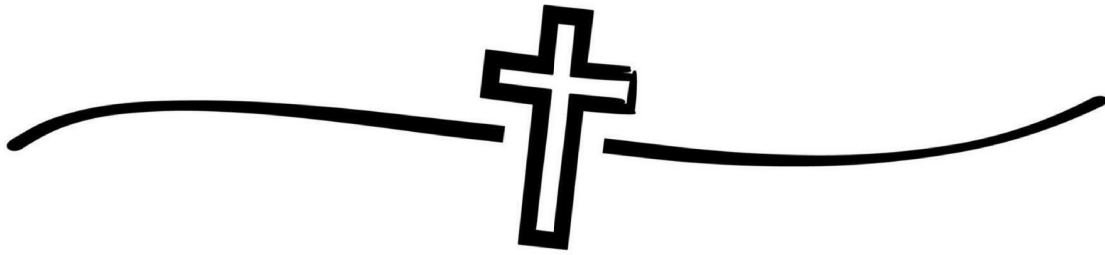


Mountain View United Church

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



Gathering Music: In The Garden MVF23

- 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. R

Words of Welcome

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

Announcements

Hymn: Worship the Lord

VU 401 v1-3

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Our God knows us completely—every thought, every flaw, every longing—and loves us with a love far beyond our understanding. Though we often fall short of the glory for which we were made, God's love for us does not fail, does not fade, and does not end.

Call to Worship:

Come, people of God, and stand before the One who knows both our fall and our rescue.

We come and worship the God who met rebellion with mercy, who answered the serpent's lie with a sure promise of deliverance.

Come and rejoice in the love that never left us in our shame, but clothed us with hope.

God secured our future through divine will and promise.

Lift your hearts and voices to the God of restoration!

God's victory is certain and kept by His power.

Where are We: Creation Time 2; Fall Equinox

Opening Prayer:

Holy and merciful God, You created a world of blessing and placed us in the midst of Your goodness. You spoke a promise of hope, and through the long ages You have been faithful to that word. As we gather today, open our eyes to the great victory of Christ, remind us of the depth of our need for Your love, and lift our eyes to the One who has crushed the power of the enemy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen

Children's Gathering Song: This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Children's Ministry

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, We confess that we have often believed the lie rather than Your truth. Though You have surrounded us with blessing, we have doubted Your goodness and reached for what You withheld. We have hidden in shame, shifted blame, and chosen our own way. Forgive our distrust, our pride, and our readiness to follow deception. By Your mercy,

cover our shame and restore us to Yourself. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 3:1-24 read by Olawale (Isaiah) Agboola

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of

the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, ‘Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.’

To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ Cursed is the ground

because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.” So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Revelation 12:1-9 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. Its

tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days. Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Reflection

Hymn: O God Who Shaped Creation VU 276

- 1 O God who shaped creation at earth's chaotic dawn,
your word of power was spoken, and lo! the dark
was gone! You framed us in your image, you
brought us into birth, you blessed our infant
footsteps and shared your splendoured earth.
- 2 O God, with pain and anguish a mother sees her
child embark on deadend pathways, alluring, but

defiled; so too your heart is broken when hate and lust increase, when worlds you birthed and nurtured spurn ways that lead to peace.

- 3 Although your heart is broken when people scorn your ways, you never cease your searching through evil's tangled maze; and when we cease our running, your joys, O God, abound as of a searching woman when treasured coin is found.
- 4 In mercy and compassion your goodness is revealed; with tenderness you touch us, and broken hearts are healed. You claim us as your children, you strip our prideful shame; with freedom born of mercy we bless your holy name!

Invitation to Share Offering

Musical Offering

Offertory Prayer:

May these offerings serve the work of Your kingdom until the day when Your dwelling is fully with us and the ancient conflict is ended forever. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Offering of Personal Prayers to God

Lord's Prayer

Closing 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

Go in peace, to walk in the truth and to trust the God who
restores. Amen.

Benediction: May the Grace of Christ VU 419

- 1 May the grace of Christ our Saviour, and our Maker's
boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favour, rest
upon us from above.
- 2 Thus may we abide in union held together by the
Word, and possess in rich communion joys which
earth cannot afford.

Postlude † † † † † † † † † † † † † †

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

This Week at Mountain View

Today: Coffee & Conversation 11:30am Hall

Tuesday: Bible Study 1:00pm Sanctuary

Weds: Scrapbooking 9:00am Board Room

Choir Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary

Coming Up at Mountain View

Indoor Yardsale – our next indoor yard sale will be held October 3, 2026. Please feel free to bring your donations to the stage in the Hall throughout the month of September – weekdays from 10am until 2pm or Sunday Service times.

Book Club – resumes Monday, September 28th at 1:30pm. This month's book: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawton.

Adult Fellowship – resumes October 15th at 10:00am. We plan to meet the first Thursday of each month thereafter. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship – all welcome!

Coming Up in Our Community

October 3rd, 6:00pm: **Lasagna Dinner**

Mount Royal United Church; 106 Mount Royal Blvd

Tickets @ Church Office: \$20.00; 506-855-5771

October 6th, 7:00pm: **UCW Fall Fashion Show**

St. John's United Church; 75 Alma St. (Victoria St. Door)

Tickets \$15.00 from UCW or Church Office

Additional Announcements

Please remember to pick up an envelope for our Autumn Fundraiser in the Narthex after service. Donations can be given directly to the offering plate, or dropped off to the office. We will take donations for this cause until October 10th. Thank you to all for your support!

Volunteers Needed for our Community Dinner! We need people to help prepare for and serve at our community dinners – including getting supplies, food preparation, and assisting at the dinners themselves. Please contact the office if you are able to serve in this way.

Broadview Subscriptions – to renew or order a subscription to Broadview Magazine this year, please contact Debbie Ellison by the end of September.

Envelopes – in an effort to save money (and trees), we will be reworking some of the envelope numbers. We will try to change as few numbers as possible as part of this process.

Also, if for any reason you do not need envelopes this coming year (i.e. you still have a lot at home, you primarily e-transfer, etc.), please let the office know and we will skip printing any for you!

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.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Share the love of God
Care for others
Act with a spirit of cooperation
Reach out to the community
Feed physical and spiritual hunger

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UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES

☆ Wednesday, Sept 30

☆ Monday, Oct 12