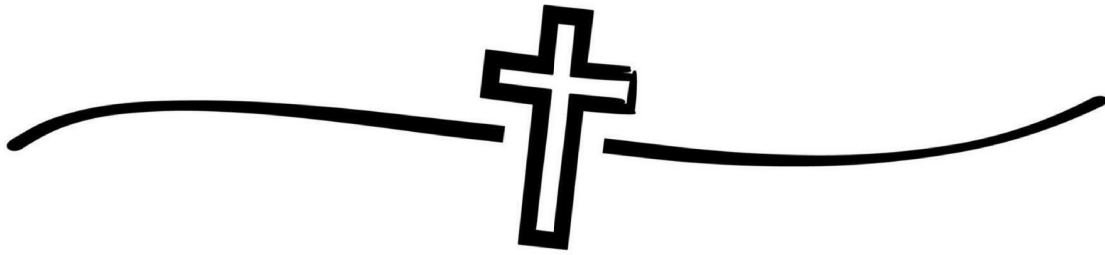


Mountain View United Church

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



Gathering Music: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

R Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes R

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind, for all Your goodness I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. R

3 And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come; still my soul will sing Your praise unending. Ten thousand years and then forevermore. R

4 Worship Your holy name. Lord I'll worship Your holy name...Sing like never before O my soul, I'll

worship Your holy name; Worship Your holy name;
Worship Your holy name.

Words of Welcome

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

Announcements

Hymn: God Is Here VU 389

- 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
- 4 God of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of

change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

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 draw near to the One who looks upon the heart.

Come and worship the God who receives those who approach in faith, and who warns the heart that grows angry when it is not accepted on its own terms.

Come and leave behind the way of resentment and envy, and walk instead in the way of trust and self-giving love.

Come and remember the Brother who kept us at the cost of His own life, and whose love now calls us to keep one another. Lift your hearts to the God who has brought us from death to life, and let our worship rise from a heart made new.

Where are We: Creation Time 3; Proper 21

Opening Prayer:

Faithful God, You see the heart and regard the offering that rises from trust. From the beginning You have distinguished between the disposition that insists on its own terms and the disposition that comes in humble faith, offering its best. As we gather today, search us and know us. Turn us from every impulse of resentment, envy, and self-justification. Form in us the heart that trusts Your evaluation, that offers itself freely, and that loves as we have been loved. Through Jesus Christ, the righteous One who laid down His life for us, we pray. Amen.

Children's Gathering Song: This Little Light of Mine

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine x3
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine x3
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine x3
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Children's Ministry

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, We confess that we have often walked in the way of the angry heart. We have approached You on our own terms, and grown resentful when You forgive the times we have asked in dismissal whether we are our brother's keeper. By Your Spirit, create in us a clean heart, a heart of faith that offers its best, and a heart of love that reflects the One who gave Himself for us. Restore us to the way of the accepted brother, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 4:1-26 read by Debbie Ellison

Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.” Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you

angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?” The Lord said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.”

Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” But the Lord said to him, “Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. So Cain went out from the Lord’s presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Cain made love to his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch. To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael was the father of Methushael, and Methushael was the father of Lamech.

Lamech married two women, one named Adah and the other Zillah. Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock. His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play stringed instruments and pipes. Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain's sister was Naamah.

Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, listen to me; wives of Lamech, hear my words. I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me. If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times."

Adam made love to his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him." Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to call on the name of the Lord.

1 John 3: 11-16 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

Reflection

Hymn: My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV 138

- 1 My love colours outside the lines, Exploring paths that few could ever find; And takes me into places, Where I've never been before, And opens doors, to the worlds outside the lines.
2. My Lord colours outside the lines, Turns wounds to blessing, water into wine: And takes me into places

where I've never been before, And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

R: We'll never walk on water, if we're not prepared to drown body and soul need a soaking from time to time, and we'll never move the gravestones, if we're not prepared to die, and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

3. My soul longs to colour outside the lines, Tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine: I want to walk beyond the boundaries, Where I've never been before, throw open doors, To the worlds outside the lines. R

4. My soul longs to colour outside the lines, Tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine: I want to walk beyond the boundaries, Where I've never been before, throw open doors, To the worlds outside the lines.

Invitation to Share Offering

Musical Offering

Offertory Prayer:

Generous God, use what we present to strengthen the bonds of Your people, to push back the way of envy and division, and to advance the life of self-giving love in the world. May these offerings be signs of hearts that have passed from death to life, and may they serve the kingdom of the One who laid down His life for us. In His name we pray, Amen.

Offering of Personal Prayers to God

Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: Oh, Sing to Our God VU 241

- 1 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing out a new song. Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing out a new song. Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing out a new song. Oh, sing to our God. Oh, sing to our God.
- 2 Oh, dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. Oh, dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. Oh, dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. And sing to our God, and sing to our God.
- 3 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit. Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit. Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit. Oh, sing to our God. Oh, sing to our God.

Spoken Benediction

Go now in the peace of the God who regards the heart. May the Lord keep you from the way of resentment and envy, and form in you the disposition of faith that offers its best. Go in the way of the accepted heart, to trust, to love, and to serve. 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 27, 2026

This Week at Mountain View

Today: Community Dinner Sunday

Doors open at 2:00 p.m. with dinner at 3:00

Volunteers always welcome and appreciated!

Mon: Book Club 1:30pm Parlour

This month's book: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawton.

Tues: Bible Study 1:00pm Sanctuary

Weds: Choir Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary

Coming Up at Mountain View

Indoor Yardsale – Friday, Oct 2 @ 6:00pm - 8:30pm

AND Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026 @ 8:00am - 12:00pm

Please bring your donations to the stage in the Hall by
Wednesday – weekdays from 10am until 2pm.

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.

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

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

- ☆ ¶ Weds, Sept 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
- ☆ ¶ Mon, Oct 12: Thanksgiving