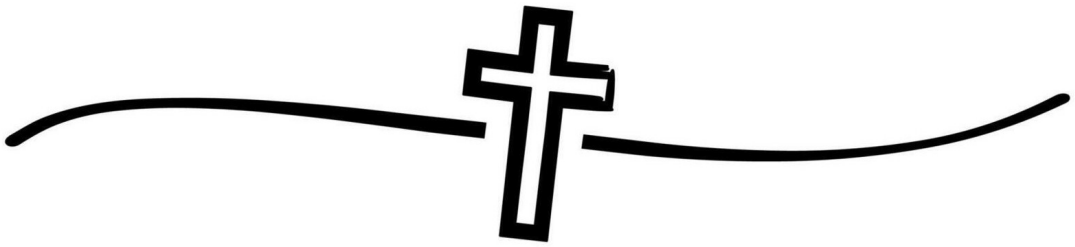
Mountain View United Church

NOVEMBER 22, 2026



Gathering Music: **Give Us Laughter** **VU 624**

1. Give to us laughter, O Source of our life. Laughter can banish so much of our strife. Laughter and love give us wholeness and health. Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.

2 Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy; let us in laughing find Christian employ, joining with stars and with bright northern lights, laughing and praising and sharing delights.

3 Why do we worry that we will lose face? Why act like king for the whole human race? Often in family, and often with friend, laughing at pride causes anguish to end.

4 Even in sorrow and hours of grief, laughter with tears brings most healing relief. God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace, joys of your presence among us increase.

Words of Welcome

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

Announcements

Hymn: How Firm a Foundation VU 660

1. How firm a foundation, you servants of God, is laid for your faith in God's excellent word! What more can be said than to you has been said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 'Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed! For I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

3 'When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4 'When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply: the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

5 'The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not - I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake, I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake!'

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

We are a people who remember. We remember the gift of creation. We remember the history of our ancestors. We

remember the revelation of God's light, love and sacrifice. We remember to carry all that God has given us as a testament to His glory.

Call to Worship:

Come, people of God, and lift your eyes to the throne that never ends.

On this Reign of Christ Sunday we gather to honor the One who is both King of righteousness and King of peace.

He comes not with force of arms but with the gift of blessing, not with temporary power but with an unending reign.

Let us worship the true Priest-King who rules forever, who offers us His presence, and who invites us into the peace of His kingdom.

Come, let us adore Him.

Christ the Lord will reign forever more.

Where are We: Reign Of Christ/Anniversary Sunday

Opening Prayer:

Eternal God, Creator of heaven and earth, we come before You this day with grateful hearts. You have revealed Yourself through the ages as the God who blesses, who provides, and who reigns in righteousness and peace. May everything we do and say today point

to the One whose kingdom has no end. Through Jesus Christ, our eternal High Priest and King, we pray. Amen.

Membership Liturgy:

The church is a community of people with varied gifts, united by the Holy Spirit. We gather to celebrate God's presence, welcome the revelation of God's truth, and follow the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord. By our baptism, we are made members of Christ's church. We exercise this membership which for us is The United Church of Canada, and within the context of a local community of faith. We welcome into this congregation those who are already member of the church of Jesus Christ.

On behalf of Mountain View United Church congregation, I present the following persons whom we welcome into the membership of this community of faith: Joseph Anikwe

We as a community welcome you to reaffirm the faith of your baptism.

To the congregation and nominees for membership:

Do you believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

If so say, **I do, by the grace of God.**

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you seek to resist evil, and to live in love and justice? If so say, **I do, God being my helper**.

Have you turn to Jesus Christ and accepted him as Saviour

and Lord? If so say, **I have, by the grace of God**.

Nominees, will you join with us as brothers and sisters in this congregation to share in the life, work, and ministry of Jesus Christ? If so say, **I will, God being my helper**.

To the pre-existing congregation:

Do you pledge our support and care to all of our nominees?

As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ.

Let us formally welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ as members of this local body of God's church!

Children's Gathering Song: I've Got The Joy Joy Joy

1 I'ye got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (Where!?); down in my heart (where!?); down in my heart, I'ye got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (Where!?) down in my heart to stay.

R And I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the love of Jesus in my heart. And I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

2 I've got the love of Jesus in my heart (where!?); down in my heart, (where?); down in my heart. I've got the love of Jesus down in my heart (where!?); down in my heart to stay. R

Children's Ministry

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have often sought kings and priests of our own making. We have looked to temporary powers for peace and to flawed systems for righteousness. Forgive us! Forgive us for the times we have resisted Your reign, for the moments we have chosen lesser shadows instead of the substance found in Christ. Cleanse us by the power of His perfect sacrifice, and restore us to the peace and righteousness that only He can give. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the true King of righteousness and peace. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 14:1-24 read by Régina Côté

At the time when Amraphel was king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Kedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of Goyim, these kings went to war against Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboyim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). All these latter kings joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Dead Sea Valley). For twelve years they had been subject to Kedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

In the fourteenth year, Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him went out and defeated the Rephaites in Ashteroth Karnaim, the Zuzites in Ham, the Emites in Shaveh Kiriathaim and the Horites in the hill country of Seir, as far as El Paran near the desert. Then they turned back and went to En Mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and they conquered the whole territory of the Amalekites, as well as the Amorites who were living in Hazezon Tamar. Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboyim and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) marched out and drew up their battle lines in the Valley of Siddim against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goyim, Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five. Now the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits, and when the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some of the men fell into them and the rest fled to the hills. The four kings seized all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food; then they went away. They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom.

A man who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the great trees of Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshkol and Aner, all of whom were allied with Abram. When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan. During the night Abram divided his men to

attack them and he routed them, pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus. He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people.

After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself."

But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "With raised hand I have sworn an oath to the Lord, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the strap of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, 'I made Abram rich.' I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me—to Aner, Eshkol and Mamre. Let them have their share."

Hebrews 7:1-10 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.” Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever. Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder! Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people—that is, from their fellow Israelites—even though they also are descended from Abraham. This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. And without doubt the lesser is blessed by the greater. In the one case, the tenth is collected by people who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living. One might even say that Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham, because when Melchizedek met Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his ancestor.

Reflection

Hymn: Love Divine All Loves Excelling VU 333

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee, changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Invitation to Share Offering

Musical Offering

Offertory Prayer:

Generous God, just as Abraham recognized the greater One and offered a portion of all he had, so we bring these gifts today. Receive them as signs of our gratitude and trust in the Priest-King who has already given us everything—His body, His blood, His everlasting intercession, and His unending reign. Use what we offer

to further the work of Your kingdom of righteousness and peace, that others may come to know the blessing of Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

Offering of Personal Prayers to God

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King VU 213

1 Rejoice the Lord is King! Your risen Lord adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our sins, he took his seat above. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

3 God's kingdom cannot fail; Christ rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

4 Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ, the judge, shall come to glorify the saints for their eternal home. We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Spoken Benediction

May the King of righteousness clothe you in His peace, may the eternal High Priest intercede for you without

ceasing, and may the blessing of God Most High rest upon you this day and always. Live as citizens of the kingdom that cannot be shaken, until every knee bows and every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen.

Benediction: Take Up His Song MV 213

1 Take up his song of peace and go into the world. Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment. In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives; lay them down, in peace, lay them down, and take up his song.

2 Take up his song of hope and go into the world. Take up his song of hope in ev'ry moment. In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives; lay them down, in hope, lay them down, and take up his song.

3 Take up his song of faith and go into the world. Take up his song of faith in ev'ry moment. In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives; lay them down, in faith, lay them down, and take up his song.

4 Take up his song of love and go into the world. Take up his song of love in ev'ry moment. In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives; lay them down, in love, lay them down, and take up his song.

Postlude

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MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2026

This Week at Mountain View

Today: **Anniversary Luncheon** after Service

Tues:	**Bible Study**	**1:00pm**	**Sanctuary**
Weds:	**Scrapbooking**	**9:30am**	**Board Room**
	Choir Practice	**7:00pm**	**Sanctuary**

Coming Up at Mountain View

Nov. 29 - Memorial Angel Sunday

If you would like to place an angel on the tree, please let the office know who your angel is In Memory Of and Placed By by **Nov. 23rd.**

November 30 – Book Club at 1:30pm. This month's book is *A Sense of Things Beyond* by Renée Belliveau.

December 5 – **Helping Hands Community Fair** featuring Crafts & Baking Market, Pictures with Santa, Silent Auction, and much more! For more info: HelpingHandsMoncton.ca

Tree Ornaments Needed – we are looking for donations of gently used Christmas Tree ornaments to hand out as appreciation gifts to those making donations to our Benevolent Fund or Gift Card Program on Dec 5th.

December 13 – White Gift Sunday

In lieu of items this year, please bring Gift Cards in white envelopes to be placed at the tree. Grocery Cards can be purchased in the Narthex before Sunday service (a portion of the proceeds supports Mountain View). Include your envelope number on your "White Gift" envelope to have your gift included in your year-end tax receipt.

December 21, 7:00pm – Blue Christmas Service

December 24, 6:30pm – Christmas Eve Service

<u>Coming Up in Our Community</u>

Dec. 2; 6:30pm – Christmas Candlelight Service
Mount Royal UC – 106 Mount Royal Blvd, Moncton
Carol sing begins at 6:30 with Communion Service at 6:45. Please bring a non-perishable food item as your offering.

Shoe Drive: The Third Annual Memorial Ceremony to recognize those who have passed away from our homeless and vulnerable community will take place at 2:00pm on **Dec 17th at Victoria Park**. Donations of gently used winterized shoes, boots, etc. can be dropped off at **The Immaculate Heart of Mary** in Riverview during business hours leading up to this event.

During the month of November, the UCW ladies are collecting empty prescription bottles, used postage stamps, eyeglasses, and pop can tabs for distribution in Chignecto UCW district. Please add them to the appropriate box in the narthex. Thanks for your help.

Christmas Stocking Fundraiser: Mountain View UCW is once again doing their annual Christmas Stocking fundraiser which will run from Nov.15 to Dec.6. Money received will be used for organizations and individuals who are in need. Envelopes containing donations may be placed in the Christmas Stocking box in the narthex. Cheques should be made out to Mountain View UCW. We are very appreciative of any donations, large or small.

Stove Needed: The property committee is looking for a good used stove for the kitchen at our church. Please contact Tim Hill or the office if you have one. Thank 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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