



# Mount Royal United Church

"At Mount Royal United Church, our mission is to serve God; living our faith inside and outside these walls and nurturing each individual on their faith journey."

**May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Pentecost Sunday**

Congregational responses are in bold.

(\* ) Indicates Standing.

## **We Come Together**

**Prelude...** (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

\***Introit** "This is the Day That God..." (*chorus only*)      **VU#175**

## **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

## **Welcome/Land Acknowledgement**

As we enter this time together, seeking to follow in God's way, we pause now to acknowledge that the land on which we worship, work, and live, are the traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet peoples. May we continue to grow into right relations with all Indigenous people, with Jesus, our Light, guiding the way.

## **Announcements**

### **Call to Worship:**

*by J. Harader*

ONE: Come, Holy Spirit,

**ALL: The wind of God, the breath of Life.**

ONE: Come, Holy Spirit,

**ALL: Our Advocate, our Counselor.**

ONE: Come, Holy Spirit,

**ALL: Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.**

ONE: Come, Holy Spirit,

**ALL: Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.**

ONE: Come, Holy Spirit.

**ALL: May we feel God breathing through our worship.**

ONE: May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.

**Opening Prayer:** (*unison*)

**Holy One, when Christ ascended into heaven to reign with you in power and glory, you sent the Spirit of truth to guide us into the way, the truth, and the life of Christ. Let your Spirit, our Advocate, guide us still—preserving us from judgment, protecting us from sin, and leading us into righteousness, so that we may testify to the good news: fullness of life and joy for all; through Jesus Christ our Savior and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth" **VU#207**

**Personal Prayer:** "Holy Spirit, Come to Us" (*sung twice*) **MV#75**  
**(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)**

**Children's Learning Time**

**Children's Prayer:**

**Breathe in me Holy Spirit, so my thoughts may be Holy.  
Act in me Holy Spirit, so my actions may be Holy.  
Rest in my heart Holy Spirit, so I may love what is Holy.  
Strengthen me Holy Spirit, so I may defend what is Holy.  
Protect me Holy Spirit, so that I may be Holy. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Dance with the Spirit" **MV#156**

**We Listen to the Word**

**Prayer of Illumination:**

**Reader:**

On this day of Pentecost, may the moving of your Spirit not be to us a chasing after the wind, but a warm breeze of hope. May the Church act as one body to bring love, joy, and your holy truth to every generation and people. And may we also have the wisdom to receive these things graciously. **Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson:**

**Acts 2:1-21**

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

**Response:**

One: May the Spirit speak to us through this reading,

**All: and guide us on the path of peace. Amen.**

**Sermon** "How Will You Let the Spirit Guide You?" **Joe Avery**

**Anthem** "Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You"

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn:** "Spirit, Open My Heart" **MV#79**

**We Respond to the Word**

**Invitation to the Offering:**

Just as those first followers of Jesus were gifted with the Holy Spirit, so too does that Spirit live within and through us. In response to that great gift, we offer back to God the labour of our hands and the love of our hearts, in the continued hope that neighbour and stranger, family and friend, may be enfolded by the great peace we've come to know through Christ.

**\*Sung Dedication:**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" **VU#543 vs. 1**

**Offertory Prayer:** *(unison)*

**Heavenly Father, as we gather on this Pentecost Sunday, we are reminded of the transformative power of your Spirit, breathing life into dry bones and igniting the hearts of your people. Just as you enlivened the early church with the wind and fire of your presence, empower us to prophesy life into the brokenness of our world. May our offerings today be a testament to our faith in your promise of renewal and restoration. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Three Things I Promise" **MV#176**

**\*Blessing:**

May the God of wind and flame, who empowered and sent out the early disciples, be with you now. Leave from this place loved by

God, in Fellowship with Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**\*Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

**\*Choral Benediction** "May the Peace of God Be..." **MV#222**

**Postlude**

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**This Week's Volunteers**

<b>Ushers:</b> <b>May 19</b> Howard E. & John <b>May 26</b> Valerie B. & John
<b>Screens:</b> <b>May 19</b> no volunteer available <b>May 26</b> Tracy <b>June 2</b> Erik

<b>Calendar: May 20<sup>th</sup> - May 26<sup>th</sup></b>			
<b>Monday</b>	Office closed for Victoria Day		
	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
	11:30am	<b>Pastoral Care Meeting</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Church Council</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Women's Group</b>	<b>Memorial Room</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Choir</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>

**Announcements:**

**It's Broadview Renewal Time:** This year's cost is \$30 (cheques marked "Broadview"/cash/etransfer) can be sent to the office. **New subscribers** are always welcome!

**New Mount Royal Group Announcement!** Are you a woman in the congregation looking for a place to connect, share, and grow with others? We are excited to announce the launch of our new women's group! This is a wonderful opportunity to join a community of like-minded women who are eager to empower and inspire each other. Please join us on **Tuesday May 21 @ 7pm** in the Memorial Room at the church for an information session. *We look forward to seeing you there!*

**Grocery Gift Cards** are still available! Contact Terry or the office to purchase.

**Baker Family Scholarship** is open to members of Mount Royal United Church graduating from High School in NB. Applicants must be entering a post-secondary institution in the fall. Applications are to be in the form of a 300-word essay outlining the applicant's academic achievements, extracurricular activities, volunteerism and future plans. Please apply by May 31<sup>st</sup> to [office@mountroyaluc.ca](mailto:office@mountroyaluc.ca)

### **Holy Spirit, Love Divine**

Holy Spirit, love divine,  
glow within this heart of mine.  
Kindle every high desire,  
purify me with your fire....  
Holy Spirit, peace divine,  
still this restless heart of mine.  
Speak to calm this tossing sea,  
grant me your tranquillity.

*—from "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" (Voices United 368),  
words Samuel Longfellow 1864*



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