

June 9th, 2024

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..." (chorus only) **VU#175**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Many are the reasons we gather:

All: we are one as the Body of Christ.

One: Excited, anxious, reluctant, eager:

All: we are one as the Body of Christ.

One: Called here, sent here, drawn here, just here:

All: we are one as the Body of Christ.

One: Let us open our hearts and minds to God's love which surrounds us and holds us.

All: God is present here. Let us worship!

Opening Prayer *(in unison)*

Loving and Gracious God, as we approach You in praises and prayer this morning, we thank You for Your wondrous gifts and Your constant love. Guide us on our journey of faith here this morning and feed us with Your sustaining Grace. Live in us this day, that we might live in You and answer Your call to follow. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" **VU#374**

Personal Prayer: "Come and Fill Our Hearts" x 2 **MV#16**
(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

We Listen to the Word

Learning Time Lesson

Learning Time Prayer (*Repeat after me*)

We thank You, God, for loving us in ways both big and small, for the many ways we know You, and for the ways we answer Your call. Teach us to listen closely, that in prayer we might hear Your voice, and know You walk beside us, in Your friendship we rejoice. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Come to My Heart" **VU#661**

Prayer for Understanding **Reader:**

Scripture Readings:

Matthew 21: 23-32

Response:

One: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Praise be to you our Lord Jesus.**

Sermon "Jesus will be Jesus"

Anthem "Thank You Lord" **Lee & France**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

***Sung Dedication:**

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

Offertory Prayer (unison)

God of countless surprises, once again we stand before You offering a portion of our gifts. May these gifts be transformed into acts of kindness, expressions of solidarity, and deeds of compassion. As we share these offerings, we also commit ourselves anew to the courageous task of being Your witness here in this world and offer our very-selves for Your ministry. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Bread of Life, Feed My Soul" **MV#194**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: We have heard about God, who loved confusion into order and gave each creature a divine image, making the world.

All: We have heard about Jesus, a poor man whose banquet feeds the world, a healer whose wounds give life, a teacher whose wisdom traces love's order in the world, finding the divine in each of us.

One: We have heard how Jesus died, and how, for those who loved Him, He rose again.

All: We have heard about the Holy Spirit, who breaks the bonds of race and class, of gender and creed, to show God's love for everyone.

One: And we have heard that love makes all things new. We come to this table asking for the bread of such blessings.

All: In what we do here may God's Love be revealed renewing and remaking us in the image of Jesus our friend and great redeemer.

One: Loving God, you have called us together as one great family and so today we join with all your people on earth praising your name in the unending heavenly hymn...

All (Sung): "Kingsfold Communion Set" **MV# 203**

**O Holy, Holy, Holy God, O God of time and space. All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to Your Grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings Your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes and bears Your name
always!**

In the fullness of time, you sent the Chosen one, Jesus of Nazareth...He called his followers together and took bread...

Now we gather at Christ's table to remember and to share in this feast of love. In remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Let us pray: Holy One, Creator of all people and worlds, send now upon this bread and cup your life-giving Spirit. May this outpouring of the promised Spirit transfigure this thanksgiving meal, that this bread and cup may become for us a bond, binding us to you and to one another. That we may be one body and one spirit in Christ.

Amen.

The Peace:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Fraction and Pouring:

My faith family, in and through Christ, these are not the gifts of The United Church of Canada, nor do they belong to the Mount Royal Community of Faith; these are the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ and all whose lives are open to Him are welcomed at this table.

Distribution of the Elements

Concluding Prayer:

One: Friends, we are now one: we are one with each other, one with the church universal, one with Christ, and so as one let us pray together our concluding prayer:

All: Holy One, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table in the celebration of the bond you form with us in the sharing of bread and fruit of the vine. You shared your last supper with your closest friends, and we continue that tradition together - in friendship, peace and love. We go forth as your disciples, lifted by our experience around this table together. We humbly ask that you guide us through our spiritual journey, reflecting on and drawing strength from this meal. In Your precious name we pray. Amen.

Blessing: Into this upcoming week,
may the Love of God be with you,
the Peace of Christ walk beside you,
and the Spirit guide you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

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

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers: June 9 Sue R. & John B. **June 16** Bill S. & Gill

June 23 Sandra & Gill

Screens: June 9 Tracy **June 16** Kevin **June 23** Tracy

Calendar: June 10th -16th

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
	11:30am	UCW Meeting	Boardroom
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall

Announcements:

UCW Meeting: Please note our next scheduled meeting is June 11th at 11:30am in the boardroom.

United Church of Canada Centennial Year Kick Off! Did you know the United Church turns 100 in 2025?! It is an opportunity to honour our past and look to the future. To celebrate, there will be many activities and events happening throughout the year so stay tuned!

Grocery Gift Cards: If you shop at Sobeys; please support your church by purchasing a \$50 gift card. The church receives a percentage of each card sold. It's an easy way to generate funds. Contact Terry or the office to purchase.

Broadview: If you signed up or requested to renew your subscription but have not yet sent in your \$30 please do so as soon as possible (Cash/cheque or etransfer).

PAR: If you would like to increase or modify your PAR in any way please email, call or stop by the office and Emily can get that set up for you.