

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Congregational responses are in bold.

(\* ) Indicates Standing.

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**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**

**Welcome/Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: We are ready for You, loving God.

**All: We prepare our hearts as we pray.**

One: We welcome You, loving God.

**All: We voice our joyful praise in song.**

One: We listen to Your Word, loving God.

**All: We hear Your voice echoing out from scripture.**

One: We prepare ourselves to serve, loving God.

**All: We hear Your call that all may be one,**

One: and so we open this time of worship praying together...

**Opening Prayer: (unison)**

**Loving and Gracious God, gathered together in this time and space, we each come from difference places. Some of us enter this time in joy and thanksgiving, while others come searching for rest. Some of us come with worries that weigh heavy on our hearts, while others are elated from celebrations, feeling blessed. But no matter how we arrived, each of us is here for a moment with You. May Your Spirit meet us here, move among us here, and then continue with us as we move out and into the world You so love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" **VU#371**

**Personal Prayer:** "Open Our Hearts" x2 **MV#21**  
**(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)**

# Children's Learning Time

## Children's Prayer:

Hour by hour, and day by day, Your Spirit is always near. It calls out to us, and guides us by name, creating a way that is clear. As we learn to be Your children, in every time and place, may we share the love you have for us, showing the world Your grace. Amen.

\*Hymn: "Christ Has No Body Now but Yours" **MV#171**

### *We Listen to the Word*

Prayer of Illumination:

Reader: Mike

## Scripture Lesson:

Epistle: **James 1: 17-27**

Gospel: **Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

## Response:

One: This is the Word of God,

All: **written on our hearts this day.**

Sermon "For One Another"

## Anthem

## Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" **VU#684**

### *We Respond to the Word*

## Invitation to the Offering:

## \*Sung Dedication:

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

**VU#543 vs. 1**

**Offertory Prayer: (unison)**

**Abundant God, as we make our offering today, we do so not because we must or because we feel guilty otherwise. We make our offering today in response to Your love that has been and remains with us in each moment of each day. May these offerings be acceptable to You and be used by You in the continued care of creation and all within it. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "In Christ There Is No East or West" **VU#606**

**\*Commissioning: (unison)**

One: As we go out into the world:

**All: We go with the Word of God on our hearts,  
we go living the way of love,  
we go sharing the Peace of Christ,  
we go as God's beloved children,  
living with and for one another. Amen.**

**\*Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

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

**Postlude**

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**Volunteer Schedule:**

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|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Ushers:</b>  | <b>June 23</b> Sandra & Gill     | <b>June 30</b> Marlene & John B. |
|                 | <b>July 7</b> Annie T. & John B. |                                  |
| <b>Screens:</b> | <b>June 23</b> no screens        | <b>June 30</b> Tracy             |
|                 |                                  | <b>July 7</b> Erik               |

| <b>Calendar: June 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup></b> |         |                    |                    |
|---|---------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>   | 9:30am  | <b>Tai Chi</b>     | <b>Church Hall</b> |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | 10:00am | <b>Craft Group</b> | <b>Kitchen</b>     |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  | 9:30am  | <b>Tai Chi</b>     | <b>Church Hall</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>   | 9:30am  | <b>Tai Chi</b>     | <b>Church Hall</b> |

## **Announcements:**

**Hot Weather Item Collection for Ensemble:** For the next 3 Sundays we will be collecting summer items to share with our community members at Ensemble. They are currently in need of the following items: empty reusable water bottles (and bottles OF water), sunscreen, summer hats, Gatorade, juice boxes, deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Your generosity is appreciated!

**Visioning Update:** As the council continues to faithfully discern and implement of the report of the vision committee at our last meeting the decision was made to engage the services of a consultant. Within a wide spectrum of study her goal is to assist us in utilizing the resource of our space in new and innovative ways. While we look forward to working together, the cost of retaining this individual is a thousand dollars, for a six month period. With that we are asking if you might help with those costs. Any amount you feel called and able to offer would be great appreciated and should you have any questions at all please feel free to reach out to any member of the council as well as Rev. Scott. Please mark donation "Visioning".

**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. We would love to get these last few cards sold. Contact Terry or the office to purchase.

**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.

## **M&P Update: MOUNT ROYAL'S CUSTODIAN**

It is with regret that we have accepted the resignation of Matt Wilson, our custodian for the past couple years. We extend our thanks and appreciation to Matt for the excellent work he has done for us and for his kind cooperation with our sometimes-last-minute

requests for setups, etc. Matt's plan is to spend more time with his family however, he has agreed to stay on until we can find a replacement. ***If you know of anyone who might be interested in this part time position, please contact Ensor Nicholson or Marlene MacLeod either in person or through the church office.***

**Summer Vacation:** The church will be closed for the month of August. We look forward to seeing you in the office on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> and at our first service after the holiday on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

**Blessing from the 2024 Indigenous Day of Prayer Service:  
A service of blessing and celebration from the settler  
church for the autonomous Indigenous Church**

Friends, breathe deep.

Breathe deep, and hold onto that small grace of a world transforming around us, of God at work now in this place as They have always been at work here and in all places.

Breathe deep, and sit in the blessing of stillness.

Breathe deep, and let possibility begin to unfurl.

Breathe deep, and let courage grow within.

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