

June 30<sup>th</sup>, 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**

Entering this time of worship, we acknowledge that the land upon which we worship, work, live, and play are the traditional lands of the Wabanaki peoples. As we continue in the work of reconciliation may the Spirit leads us into a space of right relations with all our indigenous siblings.

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: There is a time for work and a time for leisure,

**All: Loving God, You meet us there.**

One: There is a time to be still, to meditate and pray.

**All: Loving God, You meet us there.**

One: There is a time to laugh, to listen and to speak.

**All: Loving God, You meet us there.**

One: There is a time for worship, for praise and for song.

**All: Loving God, You meet us here as we worship.**

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

**Holy One, in Your heart there is room for all and a welcome that is deep, wide, and filled with abundance. You gather us together in love and feed us with teachings of kindness, respect, and justice. You heal us and make us whole. As we gather today, we give thanks that these gifts of welcome and warmth await us. Bless us in our time together with your gifts of Your hope and grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Come, Let Us Sing"

**VU# 222**

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

## **Children's Learning Time**

### **Children's Prayer:**

**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 hope and friendship we rejoice. Amen.**

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

### **We Listen to the Word**

**Prayer of Illumination:** **Reader: Gail**

**Scripture Lesson:** Gospel: **Mark 5: 21-43**

### **Response:**

**One:** This is the Word of hope,  
**All:** **and a light in our living.**

## **Sermon**

## **Anthem**

## **Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn:** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" **VU# 382**

### **We Respond to the Word**

### **Invitation to the Offering:**

Today Jesus breaks all the rules to assure us of God's great love and grace that reaches out and into every corner of existence. Our lives are enfolded by a love that surpasses understanding and blesses us with hope. In response to these great gifts, we offer our own, trusting that God will take what we offer and use them shining light into darkness and offering hope for hopeless.

### **\*Sung Dedication:**

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

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

**Gracious God, along with this offering we dedicate ourselves, once again, to Your continued ministry here in this world. May our journey with Christ be so filled by His presence that we become Your hands, hearts, and voice here in this word. May Your hope for all creation find its way into this world through our discipleship as You walk with us in love. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Take My Life and Let It Be" **VU# 506**

**Closing Blessing (unison):**

**May the love of God:  
be over us to shelter us,  
under us to lift us,  
about us to protect us,  
behind us to direct us  
and ever with us to guide us. Amen.**

**\*Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

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

***Postlude***

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**Volunteer Schedule:**

<b>Ushers:</b> <b>June 30</b> Marlene & John B. <b>July 7</b> Annie T. & John B.
<b>Screens:</b> <b>June 30</b> no volunteer <b>July 7</b> Tracy

<b>Calendar: July 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup></b>			
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>

*\*Office closed on Monday for Canada Day*

**Announcements:**

**Thank you Mount Royal United Church Women!** We would like to extend our gratitude to the **UCW for their recent \$2000 donation** to the church. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are so appreciated!

**Venue change – Today’s “Coffee and Conversation”** will be held in the sanctuary following the service.

**Hot Weather Item Collection for Ensemble:** For the next 2 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!

**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.

**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 summer break will be on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

**Council Meeting Highlights June 18: Correspondence:**

Thank you letter from Carol Mullin for the care she received from Rev. Scott Stuart and all folks at the church for the passing of her husband, Merlin Mullin. Thank you message from Riversong for recent concert in the sanctuary. **Visioning: Kindred Works:**

Received follow up from May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting in the form of a six-month consulting contract to identify and implement ways to increase building usage. Ccost is one thousand dollars. Discussion on potential building use ideas. Information and the cost to be shared with congregation in case anyone would like to offset the \$1000. Moved and seconded that we go ahead with the proposal as presented. **Motion Carried** Terry Beaumont (Project

Coordinator, Flourishing: Bold Ideas, Daring Connections) toured the building on June 4<sup>th</sup> as potential venue for Moderator's Flourishing Workshop in the fall but space is not suitable as there is not enough space in the sanctuary for the quantity of round tables needed. **Community Fun Day:** Lengthy discussion on previous Community Fun Days. Discussion on how to incorporate the "Faith Expo" into the event. "Welcome Back" or "Fall Kick Off" outdoor BBQ was suggested instead. The date for the BBQ is September 15<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of September 22<sup>nd</sup>. **M&P Minister Sabbatical:** M&P informed council that after five years of employment, United Church Minister's are entitled to a 3-month paid sabbatical. Rev. Scott Stuart expressed interest to the M&P committee (earlier in June) that he would like to take a sabbatical for March, April and May 2025. Variety of options for covering this absence with the ideal being finding a half time minister. Discussion about funding and general logistics of what this means for Mount Royal. Moved and seconded that Rev. Scott Stuart take a sabbatical in March, April and May 2025 subject to approval by Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters region. **Motion Carried.** **Ensemble:** Campaign started to collect cooling supplies for Ensemble as they have expressed a need. **M&P Custodian Resignation:** Matt Wilson sent in his letter of resignation. M&P are currently searching to find the right candidate to fill this position. **Church of Pentecost:** Church of Pentecost will begin their service at 12pm on June 30<sup>th</sup> and Mount Royal will hold their coffee and conversation upstairs in the sanctuary. **Technology Training:** recent technology training session was very informative and well received.