

September 8th, 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/Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: God is in you,

All: And also, in you!

One: We have come together to worship and pray,

All: to feel God's presence in a personal way.

One: There are scriptures to receive, gifts of music and praise.

All: We are ready to learn and have hearts to raise.

One: God's dance of Love goes on and on.

All: The Spirit of Blessing is where our hearts belong.

***Hymn:** "Sing Your Praise to God Eternal" **VU#244**

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Spirit of Life, Breath of God, we enter this time of worship to experience the transforming ways of Your Love. We come to rest, to sing, to pray and to be in joyful fellowship with one another. If we arrive here empty, let us leave filled. If we arrive here lonely, let us leave uplifted. If we arrive here anxious, let us leave filled with peace. May we be a blessed and a blessing people today and every day. Amen.

Personal Prayer: "Lord, Listen to Your Children..." **VU#400**
(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

God, thank you for all the things we learn to know and share. We know that it is Jesus, who teaches us to care. Let the Spirit flow over us in big and little ways, so that we can know Your presence is with us always. Amen.

***Hymn:** "I Have Called You by Your Name"

MV#161

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson: **Gospel:** **Mark 7: 24-37**

Response:

One: This is the Word of God,

All: **Light for the way, love for our hearts.**

Sermon "Blessed"

Anthem

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** "How Firm a Foundation"

VU#660

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

***Sung Dedication:**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

VU#543 vs. 1

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

God, thank you for these gifts. Thank you for all the opportunities presented to us to share them, to grow them, and for the many ways, large and small, that You transform our lives. Continue to pour out Your love upon us, so that gratitude becomes as natural as breathing. In the Grace-filled name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

***Hymn:** "God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

VU#425

Commissioning: (*unison*)

Let us go from here, with renewed sight for finding the presence of God in our world. Let us go from here, with renewed passion and open hearts to see Jesus in others. Let us go from here, ready to receive the generous gifts of the Spirit for us and all of creation. Amen.

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

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

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers: Sept 8 Annie T & John Sept 15 Marlene & John Sept 22 Howard & John	Screens: Sept 8 Kevin Sept 15 Erik Sept 22 Tracy
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This week's calendar			
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
	11:30am	UCW	Boardroom
	7:00pm	Women Unite	Sanctuary

*Tai Chi with Val is offered every Mon, Wed & Fri at 9:30am

Announcements:

Important Announcement: We are pleased to be renting space in the church every weekday from 2:30 – 5:30pm to a local teacher who is running a learning center for elementary aged school children. Please note there is no access to the building during this time.

United Church Women: UCW's next scheduled meeting is Tues., Sept. 10th at 11:30am in the boardroom.

Welcome Back BBQ: We would like to invite you to an outdoor BBQ celebration immediately following the service on September 15th. Rain date is September 22nd.

Women Unite: Our newest Mount Royal Group invites you to their next gathering on Tues., Sept 10th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Rev. Scott Stuart will be leading a session on meditation.

Kids Korner Sign Up: Our children's program will be up and running in October. To assist us with preparations, please sign your children/grand children up next Sunday.

Lunch with Friends: Thurs., Sept. 19th @ noon. Sign up at the back of the church or in the office until Sept 16th at 1pm! The cost is \$7.00 payable at the lunch. Menu is shepherds pie plus dessert, tea and coffee.