



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."

Transfiguration

February 15, 2015

***Please stand as you are able.**

Congregational responses in bold.

Prelude

The Life and Work of the Community

Greeting:

One: Arise, shine, a new day has come.

All: The glory of God is all around us. (Isaiah 60:1)

Introit: Come Touch Our Hearts **MV#12 v. 2**

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us, let life and beauty
fill us, come touch and bless our souls.

Call to Worship:

One: Go up to a high mountain, to the thin place where you can
meet God.

All: May we open our senses to discover God is near.

One: Look over the landscape, look with discerning eyes.

All: We see the world struggling, and hear its despair.

One: Listen for the Word – present and pressing,

**All: challenging injustice, urging compassion, calling for
peace.**

One: Find your place with saints and prophets and Jesus himself,

**All: whose lives give inspiration, whose words
encourage and guide.**

One: Move through this time of worship – meeting, looking, listening, preparing.

All: God, send your Spirit to be with us and show us how to live.

Opening Prayer: (in unison)

God of light and glory, may we recognize your glory around us – a sense of the sacred found in the everyday: in the stories of faith we tell, in the lives of the people we meet, in the *words* we use to speak.

***Hymn**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

VU#232

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

O God, we confess that as we approach Jesus' mount of transfiguration, that it is often difficult for us to recognize the deep things you want to convey to your people. Bestow on us your divine knowledge to encourage us to seek the truth that you offer us on this mountain of transfiguration. We also confess our need for the bountiful life that Peter, James, and John saw revealed in Jesus' meeting on this mountain with Moses and Elijah. Let us come down from the mountain to take up our cross and follow Jesus today, tomorrow, and forever.

Words of Assurance:

God alone is judge;

throughout the scriptures, we hear God's word challenging all the empires we erect.

God's mercy is sure;

if we turn to God in humility, offering our hearts and lives to God, we are received with open arms and a blessing.

***Hymn**

I Am Amazing

Linnea Good

Theme Time

Sing: For All Your Goodness, God

VU#549

Prayer for Understanding

Reader: Joan Rogers

2 Kings 2:1-12

Elijah is taken up into heaven.

One: This is the witness of Israel.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response:

Psalm 50:1-6

VU#775

God summons the earth.

***Hymn:**

God Is Here

VU#389

Mark 9:2-9

The transfiguration of Jesus.

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to Christ the Word.

Reflection

Anthem

Offering Invitation

Offertory

***Offertory Prayer:**

Tune: VU#44

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

***Hymn**

Let Us Break Bread Together

VU#480

***The Great Thanksgiving Prayer**

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

"Light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it." For hundreds of years Christians around the world have proclaimed those words in joyous defiance of all the world seeks to proclaim. When fear and mistrust try to overtake us, we are bold to proclaim:

The light of Christ shines and cannot be put out.

When we are overwhelmed by powers we cannot control we find comfort in these words:

The light of Christ shines and cannot be put out.

As God's people we offer witness to a hurting world, and proclaim to all the nations of the world:

The light of Christ shines and cannot be put out.

And so we gather here, in this place,

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Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Bread of Life. Response: **Amen**

The Cup of Blessing. Response: **Amen**

Prayer After Communion

**We give thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.
Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world**

**united in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

***Hymn:** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise **VU#264**

***Sending Forth:**

One: Not on the mountaintop, but into the world

All: we will take a sense of the sacred.

One: Not in the memorialized story, but in the work of
today

All: we will live a sense of the sacred.

One: We go to let the glory out.

**All: and to bring the love of Jesus into the world
and transfigure it.**

***Choral Closing** **Chorus VU#87**

'I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!'

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

Postlude

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Welcome to Mount Royal United Church! A Christian Family encouraging spiritual growth through **Worship, Friendship, Learning and Action.** Your presence enriches our worship. Newcomers and visitors are welcome, and invited to sign our guest book at the back (name and address, if possible). If you are able, please join us for coffee and conversation. Choose a green mug so that we may introduce ourselves to you. If you are new to Mount Royal and would like any information on giving, or how we make a difference in the world through the money we collect, please contact the church office. There are many options including envelopes and PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance) which make it easier to give, and also tax deductible as charitable giving! Help support the vital ministry of Mount Royal!

Minister: Rev Dr Beverly Daley

Minister Emeritus: Rev Ron Maund
Music Director: France Henriques
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Ushers for the next 4 weeks: (chairlift operator in brackets)

Feb 22 Baden Powell Sunday - TBA

Mar 1 Jean Cherry, Valerie Berry, Ina Freeman, Blanche Hubbard,(Ron Roper)

Mar 8 (Michael McCabe), Krista McCabe, Mike & Penny McIntyre

Mar 15 Stephen Townsend, (Hinson Calkin), Roy & Faye MacKay

This Week's Events

Today	2:00pm	Moncton Music Teachers Recital	Sanctuary
Monday	9:30am	Beginner Tai Chi	Church Hall
	10:00am	Writer's Circle	Boardroom
	6:30pm	Cubs	Church Hall
	7:30pm	Dixieland Ramblers	Sanctuary
Tuesday	9:00am	Craft Group	Boardroom
	1:00pm	Art Club	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Church Council	Boardroom
	7:00pm	CGIT	Church Hall

Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Thursday	12:00pm	Seniors Lunch	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Saturday	10am-12	Wu Style Tai Chi	Church Hall

Special Notices:

The 2014 Tax receipts are in your mail slots.

Thank you to the **Craft Group** for having the chairs in the boardroom reupholstered. They look great!

Thank you to the congregation for supporting the Soup luncheon following the Annual Meeting. The **UCW** realized a profit of \$246.65. Thanks also to the folks who helped out with the clean-up.

MARDI GRAS Concert at Mount Royal UC. The Dixieland Ramblers and friends will warm up a cold winter's night for you on Monday, **February 16th**, at 7:30pm. Admission is \$15, with proceeds to go to charity. Snow date Saturday, Feb. 21.

The next **Seniors Lunch with Friends** is Thurs, **February 19th** at noon. The menu is chicken fried rice and costs \$5. The program is the Mud River Band. Please sign-up at the back of the sanctuary or call the church office at 855-5771 by the February 15th.

If you are interested in a **Lenten Bible Study**, please call the office at 855-5771 to indicate which time of day you would prefer: am/pm/even

The **poinsettias** will be removed from the sanctuary this week to prepare for Lent. If you would like to take one home, please help yourself.

The **ladies discussion group** will begin Monday, **March 8** at 7:00pm to discuss de-cluttering your home.

The Jan-Feb **Upper Room** is now at the back of the sanctuary.

The **CGIT** continue to collect **recyclables** as a fundraiser.

If you are aware of a member of the church who is in hospital and would like a **clergy visit**, please contact the office at 855-5771.

Community Notices:

Sunday, **February 15** at 2:00pm there will be a **Kitchen Party** at Steeves Memorial UC, 280 Salisbury Rd. Featuring JUST FRIENDS and local talent. Admission \$5.00 Info: Call Boyce 382-0336.

New to you sale - Clothing, footwear and accessories for all ages. Sat, **Feb 21**, 9am – noon at St. Paul's UC, 404 Cleveland Av, Riverview

Kitchen Party Concert will be held at Coverdale UC on Sat, **Feb 28th** at 7:00pm. Admission is \$10 collected at the door. Proceeds to support the work of the church. Non-perishable food items will be donated to the Albert County Food Bank. Entertainment will include some members of "The Sons of Gael, Bernie Houlahan, Sim Rushton and others.

The inter-denominational **World Day of Prayer** for Moncton will be held on **Friday, March 6** at 7pm, at Holy Family RCC on Falkland Dr. This year's program has been prepared by the women of the Bahamas. An organizational meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb 19 at 7pm at Holy Family Church. Any church wishing to participate is asked to send a representative to this meeting. For further information please contact Mary Delahunt at 384-9008.

Grief therapy group meeting at Visions United for anyone struggling with grief. The group is led by Grief Support Coordinator, Catherine Bowness, RN. Group meetings are held 1:00-3:00 pm at Visions Campus, 1270 Gorge Rd, in the upstairs retreat/community room. Wednesday, **March 11** and Tuesday, April 14. Contact: 384-0843 or office@visionsunited.ca, www.visionsunited.ca

Birthright is looking for volunteers to work with our clients. Training and flexible hours available. Please call 382-2227 for info.

May 28-31 - Intermediates at Conference (IAC) and Youth Forum (YF) are each a place of community and a place of faith where United Church youth, between the ages of Gr. 7 – Gr. 9 (IAC) and Grade 10 and age 19 (YF), meet from across the Maritimes, the Gaspé, and Bermuda. It takes place during the Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference, which is a gathering of representatives who make decisions and set policies for the United Church of Canada.

The UCW continues to collect:

- Postage stamps for Oxfam Canada. The border of the stamps should be trimmed to ¼”.
- eye glasses for distribution to Third world countries.
- Milk bags for sleeping mats for Haiti (Hillcrest School).

You may drop any of these items in the wooden box at the entrance of the Bessborough door. Thank you for helping with these endeavours.

If anyone has an extra **cane** or **umbrella** they would like to donate to the church, we would like to have a few spares to leave in the entrance for anyone who may need to borrow them.