



Mountainside United Church

3520 Rue University Montreal, Qc, H3A 2A7

Sunday Worship, 10:30 am

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Season after Pentecost, Year A
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Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice

Territorial Acknowledgement:

McGill University is on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinabeg and Kanien'kehá:ka. We acknowledge and thank the diverse Indigenous peoples whose presence marks this territory on which peoples of the world now gather.

Prelude:

Plus tôt – Alexandra Stréliski
Piano: Alberto Santos

Greeting

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you!

And also with you!

Hymn: VU#313 *God, Whose Almighty Word*

1. God, whose almighty Word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.
2. Jesus, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the troubled mind,
sight to the Spirit-blind,
O now to humankind
let there be light.
3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

4. Blessed and holy three,
glorious trinity,
wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride
through the world far and wide,
let there be light.

Call to Worship:

Sing joyfully to the LORD;
praise your God with music.

**Sing to God a new song;
sing with skill and joy!**

For the Word of God is true and reliable;
God's every deed is faithful.

**Our heart rejoices in God our God;
our hope is in God's holy Name.**

Come, put your trust in the One who is trustworthy.

Come, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: MV#85 *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

Oh! Prends-moi tel que je suis;
fais-moi vivre que pour toi.
Viens, mets ton sceau sur mon cœur;
viens vivre en moi.

Epistle: Romans 4:13-25

Reader: Lynne Dawson

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. *For* if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. *No* distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore it "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 33 VU#760 with sung refrain (R)

Reader: Lynne Dawson

Refrain: *A new song to our God proclaim,
from age to age rejoice!*

Shout to God for joy, you righteous!
Praise is fitting from loyal hearts.

**Give thanks to God with the harp;
sing praise to God with the ten-stringed lute.**

Sing a new song to God;
play skillfully and with shouts of joy.

**For the Word of God is true;
God's every deed is faithful. R.**

You love what is right and just;
the earth is full of your constant love.

**By your word the heavens were made,
the countless stars by the breath of your mouth.**

You gathered the waters of the sea as in a goatskin;
you stored the deep in cisterns.

Let all the earth fear you, O God,
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe.

For you spoke and it came to be;
you commanded and it stood firm.

**You foil the plans of the nations,
and frustrate the schemes of the peoples.**

Your counsel, O God, shall stand forever,
the purposes of your heart through all generations.

**Happy the nation who has you as God.
Happy the people you choose as your own.**

Our heart rejoices in you, O God,
because our hope is in your holy name.

**Let your steadfast love be upon us
as we put our trust in you. R.**

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18:26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples.

When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." and the woman was made well from that moment.

When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn: VU#665 *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour*

1. Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,
hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

**Refrain: Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.**

2. Let me at thy throne of mercy
find a sweet relief,
kneeling there in deep contrition;
help my unbelief. **R**
3. Trusting only in thy merit,
would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit,
save me by thy grace. **R**

4. Thou the spring of all my comfort,
more than life to me,
whom have I on earth beside thee?
Whom in heaven but thee. **R**

Sermon:

Rev. Morgan Bell

Music for Spiritual Centering:

Lead Me, Lord – Robin John King
Voices: Mountainside United Church Choir
Piano: Alberto Santos

Prayer of the People

The Prayer of Jesus

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn: MV#161 *I Have Called You by Your Name*

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.
2. I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.
3. I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.
4. I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Benediction:

Postlude:

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked – arr. Linda Hartman
Piano: Alberto Santos

Reference and Information

- ❖ TODAY we serve a warm welcome to Rev. Morgan Bell, Director of United Church Studies at DIO (Diocesan Theological College) and you are invited to join all for coffee and conversation on Level 1 after the service.
- ❖ June 14 - Worship Service at BHC and you are invited for coffee time after the Service on Level 1.
- ❖ June 21 - Worship Service at BHC and SUMMER LUNCH after the Service on Level 1 with time to celebrate with the July Birthday persons.
- ❖ Please consider donating to our Camp Appeal with a donation by cheque, cash or e-transfer. The campaign runs until the mid June 2026. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the Outreach Committee.
- ❖ Used Item Collection – Summer Days: Please gather up your used stamps, aluminum tabs, plastic bread tags, eyeglasses and empty prescription bottles (with labels removed) and bring them to church on Sunday. Ester Vicente, a member of the Outreach Committee, will be sure that they are delivered to the organizations that can use them for fundraising purposes. If you have these items, feel free to bring them in on any Sunday and give them to Ester or any other member of the Outreach Committee.

Please consider giving to the church. Your gift will help serve our local community and far beyond. For that, we are grateful. You may leave your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you are at home, you can send a cheque, e-Transfer funds, or arrange for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). See details on giving at www.mountainsideunited.ca.

**The service is livestreamed on Zoom on Sunday Mornings.
In the event of poor reception, the Service may be viewed later on our YouTube Channel**