



Mountainside United Church

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Sunday Worship, 10:30 am

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EASTER III, Year A

April 19, 2026

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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.

Introit:

Fairest Lord Jesus - arr. Martin How
Voices: Mountainside United Church Choir
Piano: Alberto Santos

Holy Greeting:

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

And also with you!

Hymn: MV#1 *Let Us Build a House* **verses 1, 2, 3**

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome,
all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

3. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome, all are welcome.
all are welcome in this place

Opening Prayer

Holy One, we come before you today as disciples on the way—but often we are not sure of which way we should be going.

Once again, you call us out of fear and disillusionment by gently coming alongside and raising with us the questions of faith.

Thank you, O Christ, for this gift of walking this road together.

Lord Jesus, as you once walked with the disciples along dusty roads, teaching them the mysteries of the kingdom, teach us anew how to be faithful disciples in our day.

Open our eyes to see where you are leading us, our ears to hear your voice above the noise of the world, and our hearts to love as you have called us to love our neighbours.

Holy Spirit, guide our steps.

When the path feels uncertain, be our compass.

When the journey feels heavy, be our strength.

When we are tempted to turn back, remind us of the experience of grace that awaits us when we stay on the righteous path.

(silence)

God in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

Amen

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.**

**Psalm 116: VU# 836 with sung refrain 1 (R)
Reader: Lynne Dawson**

Refrain:

**How can I repay you, God,
for all the goodness you show to me?**

I love you, God, because you heard my voice
when I made supplication,

because you turned your ear to me,
when I called upon your name.

The cords of death entangled me,
and the pangs of the Grave laid hold on me;

I Suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called upon the name of God:

"O God, I pray, save my life." **R**

How can I repay you, God,
for all the good things you have done for me?

I will take up the cup of salvation,
and call upon the name of God.

I will pay my vows in the presence of all God's people. **R**

Precious in the sight of God is the death of the saints.

O God, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your maidservant.

You have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and will call upon the name of God.

I will pay my vows to God in the presence of all God's people,
in the courts of the house Of God, in your midst,

O Jerusalem. **R**

@Gospel:

Luke 24: 13 -35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near

the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Write these words on our hearts dear God!

Hymn: VU# 400 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Sermon: Where Two or Three Are Gathered

Rev. Dr. Douglas Throop

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

Refrain:

Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands but yours.
Here on this earth, yours is the work,
to serve with the joy of compassion.

1. No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope
of the people of God. **R**

2. No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy
of the city of God. **R**

3. No feet but yours to journey with the poor,
to walk this world with mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace
for the children of God. **R**

4. Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need;
as Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,
with ev'ry gift a benediction, be
to the people of God. **R**

The Annual Meeting of the Community of Faith

Reference and Information **for the week of April 19, 2026**

- ❖ TODAY. Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place after a shortened Sunday service.
- ❖ April 19. Worship in BHC. All are invited to follow the service on Level 1 for the AGM, lunch, and a Group discussion of our experience during the last year to assist us as we move forward into 2026.
- ❖ April 22. Staff change in the Church Office - Leah Weitzner begins an orientation and we begin our goodbye to Hanane Aouchiche.
- ❖ April 26. Worship in BHC followed by Coffee & conversation on Level 1 after the service.

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:

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