

**Postlude:**

When in Our Music God is Glorified –  
Charles V. Stanford, arr. Mark Hayes  
Piano: Alberto Santos

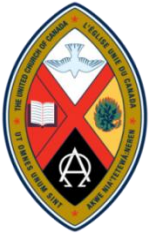
**Reference and Information  
for the week of May 17, 2026**

- ❖ May 17. TODAY we enjoy the worship service and after a Spring Lunch and celebrate with those with May Birthdays.
- ❖ May 24. Service will be lead by Ethel Ann Flores.
- ❖ May 31. Service will be led by Maria Santos & Alberto Santos.
- ❖ June 7. Service will be led by Rev. Morgan Bell.
- ❖ 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](http://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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**Mountainside  
United Church**

**3520 Rue University Montreal, Qc, H3A 2A7**

**Sunday Worship, 10:30 am**

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***Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice***

***EASTER IV, Year A***

**May 17, 2026**

**Ascension Sunday**

Minister: Rev. Dr. Douglas Throop

Director of Music: Alberto Santos

Chair of Session: Ethel Ann Flores

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**MOUNTAINSIDE UNITED CHURCH***Birks Heritage Chapel*

Standing for hymns is welcome, if preferred.

Please note that we are now livestreaming the service via Zoom.

*@ indicated text that the Minister is reading and is the text for today's sermon***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:**

Prelude in A minor – Maurice Ravel  
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: VU# 217 *All Creatures of Our God and King***

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing:

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Bright burning sun with golden beam,  
Soft shining moon with silver gleam,

Sing praises, sing praises,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

2. O rushing winds and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,  
Sing praises, hallelujah!

O rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
O lights of evening, find a voice:  
Sing praises, sing praises,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

3. Earth, ever fertile, day by day  
Brings forth rich blessing on our way:

4. O rushing winds and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,  
Sing praises, hallelujah!

O rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
O lights of evening, find a voice:  
Sing praises, sing praises,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

5. O rushing winds and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,  
Sing praises, hallelujah!

O rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
O lights of evening, find a voice:  
Sing praises, sing praises,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

6. O rushing winds and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,  
Sing praises, hallelujah!

O rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
O lights of evening, find a voice:  
Sing praises, sing praises,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

7. O rushing winds and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,  
Sing praises, hallelujah!

O rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
O lights of evening, find a voice:  
Sing praises, sing praises,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

8. O rushing winds and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,  
Sing praises, hallelujah!

9. O rushing winds and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,  
Sing praises, hallelujah!

Locus Iste – Anton Bruckner

Voices: Mountainside United Church Choir

**Music for Spiritual Centering:****Silent Prayer:****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#150 *Spirit God, Be Our Breath***

1. Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.

Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.

Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn...

Spirit God, be our song.

2. Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.

Comfort us. When we know you are near

we grow more certain, our vision is clear.

Patient God, calm our fear.

3. Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.

Reaching out, joining hands as we share,

we seek your guidance through friendship and care.

Loving God, be our prayer.

4. Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.

Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.

Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn...

Spirit God, be our song.

**Benediction:**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!  
**Write these words on our hearts, dear God!**

**Hymn:** VU#582 *There's a Spirit in the Air*

1. There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world."
2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!
3. When believers break the bread,  
when a hungry child is fed,  
Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living working in our world.
4. Still the Spirit gives us light;  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!
5. When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living working, in our world.
6. May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay,  
live tomorrow's life today.
7. There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere,  
Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.

**Sermon** Soon!

Rev. Dr. Douglas Throop

**Offertory Reflections: Acknowledging How Givings Grow into Lives Changed**

Sing praises, hallelujah!  
 The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,  
 Let them God's glory also show:  
 Sing praises, hallelujah!  
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

4. And everyone of tender heart,  
 Forgiving others, take your part:  
 Sing praises, hallelujah!  
 All who long pain and sorrow bear,  
 Praise God and yield up all your care:  
 Sing praises, hallelujah!  
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

5. Let all things their Creator bless,  
 And worship God in humbleness:  
 Sing praises, hallelujah!  
 Praise God eternal, praise the Son,  
 And praise the Spirit, three in one:  
 Sing praises, hallelujah!  
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

### **Opening Prayer**

Most Loving God, as we embark on the duties of this day and of this week, help us to maintain a balanced approach to our tasks and responsibilities.

**Let us work diligently but also grant each of us moments of rest and peace.**

Help us to care for our well-being, so we can do our best to meet the challenges of this time and remain truly present to those around us.

**As we pray that we might act according to your plan for us, grant us awareness of the nurture and nutrition you provide to us to accomplish these goals.**

(silence)

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

**Hymn: MV#122 This Is the Day**

1. This is the day that God has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad!  
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we will rejoice and be glad!  
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,  
singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad!  
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,  
singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad!

2. Voici le jour que Dieu a fait;  
nous le vivrons dans la joie.  
Voici le jour que Dieu a fait;  
nous le vivrons dans la joie.  
Chantant Allelu! Chantant Allelu!  
Chantant Allelu! Nous le vivrons dans la joie.  
Chantant Allelu! Chantant Allelu!  
Chantant Allelu! Nous le vivrons dans la joie.

**@\_Early Church History: Acts 1: 1 -11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

This is the witness of the Early Church.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm: 47 VU# 771 with sung refrain (R)**

**Reader: Hailey Lai**

**Refrain: Praise to God who reigns above! Hallelujah!**

Clap your hands, all you peoples,  
Cry out to God with shouts of joy!

**For the Most High is to be feared,  
reigning in might, over all the earth. R**

God has subdued the peoples around us,  
set nations at our feet,

**and has chosen for us a heritage,  
the pride of Jacob, beloved of God.**

God has gone up with shouts of triumph,

**has gone up with a fanfare of trumpets.**

For God reigns over all the earth!

**Sing praises with your utmost skill. R**

God reigns over all the nations,  
and sits in holiness enthroned.

**The nobles of the nations assemble  
with people of the Everlasting God.**

For earth’s defenders belong to God,

**to God the highly exalted. R**

**Gospel: Luke 24: 44 – 53**

**Reader: Hailey Lai**

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.