



Mountainside United Church

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Sunday Worship, 10:30 am

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The Transfiguration Year A
February 15, 2026

Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice

@ 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:

Balm in Gilead - arr. Harry Thacker Burleigh
Voice: Colleen Bartley
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# 415 *God, We Praise You for the Morning*

1. God, we praise you for the morning;
hope spring forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise,
joy in work and in play.

2. God, we praise you for creation,
mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing
in your bountiful hand.

3. God, we praise you for compassion,
all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter,
help your children to grow.

4. God, we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher,
strength and courage you send.

5. God, we praise you for the Saviour,
come that we may know your ways.
In his loving, dying, rising,
Christ is Lord of our days.

6. Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Christ is Lord of our days!

Call to Worship:

Mysterious One, ground of our being, source of our knowing, one close at hand and far beyond us, we ask for your Spirit's presence among us this morning.

We give thanks that we remain free to worship you in our way on this day.

May you raise our hearts this morning to loftier and brighter places from the world in which we find ourselves today.

We give thanks that your Church continues to speak out against the sources of suffering and bondage, injustice and oppression, and ignorance and indifference.

May the radiance of the transfigured Christ, continue to both enlighten and change us and through us our reality.

Silent Prayers

God in your love,
Hear our prayer.
Amen

Hymn: **VU#708** *My Lord, What a Morning*

Refrain:

My Lord, what a morning. My Lord, what a morning.
My Lord, what a morning when the stars begin to fall.

1.You'll hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. **R**

2.You'll hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. **R**

3.You'll hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. **R**

Epistle : 2 Peter 1: 16 - 21

Reader: Julie Dawson

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This is the witness of the Early Church!
Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 99 VU# 819 with refrain (R)
Reader: Julie Dawson

Refrain: You rule with justice in delight, and faithfulness maintain.

You reign, O God, and the peoples tremble,
you sit enthroned upon the cherubim, and the earth is quaking.

**You, O God, are great in Zion,
you are exalted over all the nations.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name:
holy are you and mighty, a ruler who delights in justice.

**You have determined what is fair,
you have done in Jacob what is just and right. R**

Moses and Aaron were among your priests,
Miriam among those who called on your name;
they called to you, God, and you answered.

**In the pillar of cloud you spoke to them,
they kept your teachings and the law that you gave them.**

O God, our God, you answered them;
**to them you were a forgiving God,
though you punished their offences.**

Proclaim the greatness of God
and worship on God's holy hill;
for God, our God, is the Holy One. R

@Gospel: Matthew 17: 1- 9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

Hymn: VU#102 *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

1. Jesus on the mountain peak
stands alone in glory blazing;
let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising. Hallelujah!

2. Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law
shout through them their joyful greeting: Hallelujah!

3. Swift the cloud of glory came,
God proclaiming, in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder: Hallelujah!

4. This is God's beloved son!
Law and prophets sing before him,
first and last and only One.
All creation shall adore him! Hallelujah!

Sermon Still Good?

Rev. Dr. Douglas Throop

Offertory Reflections: Acknowledging How Givings Grow into Lives Changed

Music for Spiritual Centering:

This Little Light of Mine - arr. William Bradley Roberts
Voices: Mountainside United Church Choir
Piano: Alberto Santos

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 Ezekiel Saw the Wheel

Ezek'el saw the wheel
'Way up in the middle o' the air
Ezek'el saw the wheel
'Way in the middle o' the air
The big wheel moved by faith
The little wheel moved by the grace o' God
A wheel in a wheel
'Way in the middle o' the air

Jes' let me tell you what a hypocrite 'll do
'Way in the middle o' the air
He'll talk about me an' he'll talk about you
'Way in the middle o' the air

Watch out my sister how you walk on the cross
'Way in the middle o' the air
Yo' foot might slip an' yo' soul get lost
'Way in the middle o' the air

You say the Lord has set you free
'Way in the middle o' the air
Why don't you let your neighbor be
'Way in the middle o' the air

Benediction:

Postlude:

Go, Tell It on the Mountain - arr. Joel Raney
Piano: Alberto Santos

Reference and Information
for the week of February 15, 2026

- ❖ February 15. Transfiguration Sunday BHC. After the Worship Service noting BLACK HISTORY MONTH, we will Celebrate a SPECIAL LUNCH on Level 1. The lunch will have JOY as we mark and celebrate February Birthdays and in particular the Birthday of Miriam Tees-103 YEARS. CONGRATULATIONS MIRIAM.
- ❖ February 22. Lent 1. Holy Communion Service. During the Worship Service Mountainside United will present a donation to Alan Ma, Director of Montreal Mission Internship, DIO, towards the Internship Programme.
- ❖ February 25. Rev Throop will begin a four-week Meditation - EYES TO SEE for Lent at 7:30-8:00pm on ZOOM February 25, March 4, 11, 18. The time will begin by employing fine art as a vehicle for spiritual reflection, followed with quiet time for personal reflection. Please contact the church office for a ZOOM link.
- ❖ The Thursday morning zoom study group will be taking a break until after Easter. We are working on moving from viewing and discussing DVDs to a new format involving more flexibility. We welcome any suggestions for this project.

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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