



# Mountainside United Church

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*Sunday Worship, 10:30 am*

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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:**

As the Deer  
arr. K. Medema  
Offered by Ken Hassell, piano

## **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# 316** *Praise Our Maker*

1. Praise our Maker, peoples of one family:  
God is love, God is love!  
Praise our Maker, peoples of one family:  
God is love, God is love!

2. Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:  
God is love, God is love!  
Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:  
God is love, God is love!

3. Care for others, children of the Spirit:  
God is love, God is love!  
Care for others, children of the Spirit:  
God is love, God is love!

## **Opening Prayer**

Holy One, we give thanks for where we live today, here in a beautiful city, in an historic province, and in a country with a charter of rights and freedoms.

**And yet, O Christ, there are many who take this privileged life for granted forgetting the responsibilities that accompany their liberty.**

Guide us, O God, into viewing the world with the Bible in one hand, and the newspaper, or its electronic equivalent, in the other. Help us to be both informed and involved citizens.

Silent Prayers

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

**Hymn:** **MV # 137** *Welcome Jesus, You Are Welcome*

1. Welcome, Jesus, you are welcome  
in this world made hard by fear;  
loving reach us, living teach us,  
Jesus, you are welcome here.

2. Welcome, Jesus, you are welcome  
in the ghettos we have made;  
give the tattered, bruised and battered  
winter shelter, summer shade.

3. Welcome, Jesus, you are welcome  
with the wealthy and the poor;  
give the broken love unspoken,  
open wide each prison door.

4. Welcome, Jesus, you are welcome  
let your loving light appear.  
In our seeing, in our being,  
Jesus, you are welcome here.

**Epistle:** **Colossians 1: 15 - 28**

**Reader:** Laura Dizon

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how

great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

**Psalm: 52 VU# 777 with refrain (R)**

**Reader:** Laura Dizon

**Refrain:**

In the presence of your people  
I your goodness will proclaim.

Why do you boast of your evil, O brave one,  
in the face of God's faithfulness?  
Your tongue is like a sharpened razor, meant to cut deceitfully.

**You prefer evil to good, the lie to speaking truthfully.**

**You love all words that hurt,  
and every deceit of the tongue!**

So God will break you down forever;  
**break you and tear you from your dwelling,  
root you out of the land of the living.**

The righteous, looking on, will be awestruck.

Then they will laugh and say:

**here was one who did not look to God for strength,  
but trusted in great wealth  
and found strength in slander. R**

I am like a thriving olive tree in God's house;  
**I will trust in the faithfulness Of God forever.**

I will praise you forever, for this was your doing;  
**in the presence of the faithful I will glorify your name,  
for it is good to praise you. R**

**@Gospel: Luke 10: 38 - 42**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

**Hymn: MV#178 *Who Is My Mother***

1. Who is my mother, who is my brother?  
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:  
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel  
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

2. Differently abled, differently labelled,

widen the circle round Jesus Christ:  
crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas,  
all come together round Jesus Christ.

3. Love will relate us colour or status  
can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:  
family failings, human derailings,  
all are accepted round Jesus Christ.

4. Bound by one vision, met for one mission  
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:  
here is my mother, here is my brother,  
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

**Sermon** Urban and Urbane

Rev. Dr. Douglas Throop

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

**Music for Spiritual Centering:**

Thou, in Thy Mercy -- Handel  
Offered by: Colleen Bartley - Alto  
Joseph Grenier - Tenor  
Ken Hassell, piano

**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** VU#426 *Saviour, Again to Your Dear Name*

1. Saviour, again to your dear name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
we give you thanks before our worship cease,  
then, in the silence hear your word of peace.

2. Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;  
with you began, with you shall end the day;  
guard now the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
that in this house have called upon your name.

3. Grant us your peace throughout the coming night;  
turn all our darkness to your perfect light;  
then, through our sleep, our hope and strength renew,  
for dark and light are both alike to you.

4. Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,  
comfort in sorrow, courage in our strife;  
then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
call us, at last, to your eternal peace.

**Benediction:**

**Postlude:**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
Tune - Showalter  
Setting - L. Larson  
Offered by Ken Hassell, piano

**Reference and Information**  
**for the week of July 20, 2025**

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