



Mountainside United Church

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PROPER VI, Year A
June 14, 2026
Indigenous Day of Prayer
Sunday Worship, 10:30 am

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:

Be Still, My Soul – arr. Daniel Blomberg
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# 242 *Let All Things Now Living*

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

2. By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
we, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, Hosanna and praise.

Opening Prayer:

Blessed are you, Great Creator, God of our ancestors and our God.

We gather today in a place where many important scholars of the faith have gathered, in a place where many of them have proclaimed your Word to the church gathered in your praise and worship.

We gather today on a land which has been tread upon by our European ancestors for centuries, and as a university since 1821, but before this it was home for the Kanien'keha:ka and was called Hochelaga.

So in many ways, O God, the place where we find ourselves is holy ground.

We pray, O Christ, that we might be humbled by this history, reflective upon the struggles that this legacy brings to bear on the present, and mindful of your call for harmony within humanity and respect for the land that has sustained this rich heritage.

(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.
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nous le vivrons dans la joie.
Chantant Allelu! Chantant Allelu!
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Epistle: Romans 5: 1 – 11

Reader: Jill Harrison

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the witness of the Early Church.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 116 VU# 836 with sung refrain (R)

Reader: Jill Harrison

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 entangle 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: Matthew 9:35 - 10:7

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Write these words on our hearts, dear God!

Hymn: MV#30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

1. It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.

It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea,

Refrain: And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

2. It's a call of life to the Giver,
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver,
when high tides break on the shore, **R**

3. It's a hymn of love to the Lover,
the bumble-bees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover,
the summer breeze joins the song, **R**

4. It's the chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings, **R**

Sermon: So Close and Yet So Far

Rev. Dr. Douglas Throop

Offertory Reflections: Acknowledging How Givings Grow into Lives Changed

Music for Spiritual Centering:

Like as the Hart – Healey Willan
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: VU#574 *Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love*

1. Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true,
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

2. Jesus, the Saviour, this gospel to tell,
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame;
seeking the lost, seeking the lost
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

3. Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam? why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home! weary wanderer, home!
Wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

4. Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love,
come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

Benediction:

Postlude:

His Eye Is On the Sparrow – arr. Daniel Blomberg
Piano: Alberto Santos

Reference and Information

- ❖ TODAY- Worship in BHC and after the service you are invited for coffee and conversation on Level 1.
- ❖ June 21 -Worship in BHC then you are invited for a SUMMER CELEBRATION OF JOY on Level 1 -Lunch, June Birthdays, and Father's Day.
- ❖ Please consider donating to our Camp Appeal with a donation by cheque, cash or e-transfer. The campaign runs until 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: