



# Mountainside United Church

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*PROPER VII, Year A*  
**June 21, 2026**  
**FATHER'S DAY**  
*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:**

Where'er You Walk – G.F. Handel  
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# 315 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty***

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**Opening Prayer:**

This morning we gather, O God, humbled and amazed by the majesty of your creation.

**Like the great company of heaven, we lift our hearts and voices to proclaim your glory.**

You alone are the Creator of all things, the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Your nature is beyond our comprehension, yet our experience of your love draws us near.**

Creator, in humility we acknowledge our need for your paternal love and cleansing grace.

**Spiritually cleanse us, remove every distraction from our minds, calm every anxious thought, and open our eyes to see the Zen moments that ever present themselves when we are focused and quiet.**

May the hymns we sing today fill this chapel and carry to the heights of heaven.

**May our prayers rise before you like a fragrant offering.**

(silence)

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

**Amen**

**@Psalm: 17 VU# 739 with sung refrain (R)**

**Refrain: Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me under the shadow of your wing.**

Hear my just cause; attend to my cry, O God.

**Listen to my prayer from lips that do not lie.**

Let judgement in my favour come forth from your presence;

**and let your eyes discern what is right.**

If you examine my heart, if you visit me by night,

**if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me.**

As for what others do, according to the command of your lips

I have kept from travelling with the violent.

**My steps have been firm in your paths,  
and my feet have not stumbled. R**

I call upon you, God, for you will answer me.

**Incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

Show me the wonders of your steadfast love;

**for by your right hand you save from their enemies  
those who take refuge in you.**

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

**hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

from the wicked who assail me,

**from deadly foes who surround me.**

As for me, I shall see your face because my plea is just;

**when I awake and see your face,**

**I shall be satisfied. R**

**Gospel: Matthew 10:24 - 39**

**Reader: Ester Nuguid**

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members

of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

**Hymn:** *MV#79 Spirit, Open My Heart*

**Refrain:** Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart  
With a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
To your grace I now surrender. **R**
2. Write your love upon my heart  
As my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
May my living bring you glory. **R**
3. May I weep with those who weep,  
Share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
May we welcome one another. **R**

**Sermon:** Eye Tunes

Rev. Dr. Douglas Throop

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

**Music for Spiritual Centering:**

Look at the World – John Rutter  
Voice: 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#637 Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me*

1. Jesus, Saviour, pilot me  
over life's tempestuous sea;  
unknown waves before me roll,  
hiding rock and treacherous shoal;  
chart and compass come from thee,  
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.
2. As a mother stills her child,  
thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
boisterous waves obey thy will

when thou biddest them 'Be still.'  
Wondrous sovereign of the sea,  
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

3. When at last I near the shore,  
and the fearful breakers roar  
'twixt me and the peaceful land,  
still supported by thy hand,  
may I hear thee say to me,  
'Fear not, I will pilot thee.'

**Benediction:**

**Postlude:** I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing (*with* Every Time I Feel the Spirit – Mark Hayes  
Piano: Alberto Santos

## **Reference and Information**

- ❖ TODAY. We Worship at BHC and after the service you are invited to join all on Level 1 for a SUMMER LUNCH of JOY to celebrate Father's Day, July Birthdays, and the Summer Solstice.
- ❖ June 24. Holiday. Join study / discussion group - a book by Maria Ressa, " How to Stand Up to a Dictator - the Fight For our Future" 7:30-8:30pm on Zoom. If you are interested, please send an email to [admin@mountainsideunited.ca](mailto:admin@mountainsideunited.ca) to register.
- ❖ June 28. Worship at BHC and a warm welcome after the service for coffee on Level 1.
- 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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