

MOUNTAINSIDE UNITED CHURCH
3520 Rue University Montreal, Qc, H3A 2A7
Sunday Worship, 10:30 am
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PROPER VIII, Year A
June 28, 2026
CANADA DAY

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 Thou My Vision – arr. Larry Shackley
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: MV# 41 *O Beautiful Gaia*

Refrain: O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia, calling us home.
O beautiful Gaia, calling us on.

1. Soil yielding its harvest, O Gaia, calling us home.
Soil yielding its harvest, calling us on. **R**
2. Waves crashing on granite, O Gaia, calling us home.
Waves crashing on granite, calling us on. **R**
3. Pine bending in windstorm, O Gaia, calling us home.
Pine bending in windstorm, calling us on. **R**
4. Loon nesting in marshland, O Gaia, calling us home.
Loon nesting in marshland, calling us on. **R**

Opening Prayer:

This week, O God, we celebrate 159 years of nationhood, while our neighbours to the south will be marking 250 years.

Are we lagging in development or more cautious and studious in our nature, evolving and not revolting?

Again, we celebrate more arduously this year given the threats of annexation offered by the southern leader.

Yet we remain mindful that no federation or confederation results in the coming of your divine commonwealth alone.

Creator, in humility we acknowledge our own history of the abuse of power and neglect of those different than the majority, particularly when it comes to the history of our relationship with the First Nations.

While sacrifice may become necessary during the course of nationhood, may it never be quickly sought, nor speedily imposed by those in authority, particularly when the act required does not include the active offering of the leadership.

Helps us, O God, to truly become a just society that can honorably take pride in who we are as a people and as distinct peoples within the collective.

May our prayers and actions evince our acceptance of the challenges along with the rewards.

(silence)

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

Amen

@Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 22: 1 - 14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.”

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

This is the witness of your people Israel!

Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 13 VU# 734 with sung refrain (R)

Reader: Loida Guilbault

Refrain: Be still, my soul, for God is on your side.

How long, O God, will you utterly forget me?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I suffer anguish in my soul,
and be so grieved in my heart day and night?

How long shall my enemy triumph over me? R

Look at me, and answer me, O God my God;

give light to my eyes, lest I fall asleep in death,

lest my enemies claim to have prevailed against me,

lest my foes rejoice at my downfall.

But trust is in your mercy.

Let my heart be joyful in your salvation.

I will sing to you, O God,

because you have dealt so lovingly with me.

I will praise your name, O God most high. R

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Reader: Loida Guilbault

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. “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

Hymn: VU#296 *This Is God's Wondrous World*

1. This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.

3. This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Sermon: Now Wait a Minute

Rev. Dr. Douglas Throop

Offertory Reflections: Acknowledging How Givings Grow into Lives Changed

Music for Spiritual Centering:

Cantate Domino – Giuseppe Pitoni
Voices: Mountainside United Church

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#585 *Jesus Bids Us Shine*

1. Jesus bids us shine
with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle
burning in the night.
In this world is darkness,
so let us shine,
you in your small corner,
and I in mine.

2. Jesus bids us shine
first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it
if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us
to help us shine,
you in your small corner,
and I in mine.

3. Jesus bids us shine,
then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness
in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow;
so we must shine,
you in your small corner,
and I in mine.

Benediction:

Postlude:

Just a Closer Walk With Thee – arr. Brent Edstrom
Piano: Alberto Santos

Reference and Information

- TODAY we worship at BHC and you are invited to join all after the Service on Level 1 for coffee and conversation. With JOY we celebrate CANADA DAY.
- July 5. Worship in BHC and welcome Dr. Margaret De Castro as guest pianist. Join us for coffee after the service on Level 1.
- July 8. Discussion and study group - 7:30-8:30 pm on Chapter 1 (The Golden Rule) Chapter 2 (The Honor Code) Chapter 3 (The Speed of Trust) from the Book HOW TO STAND UP to a DICTATOR, THE FIGHT FOR OUR FUTURE by MARIA RESSA. Register for Zoom at Church Office.
- July 12. Worship at BHC.
- 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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