



Mountainside United Church

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Sunday Worship, 10:30 am

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PALM SUNDAY, Year A

March 29, 2026

Reflecting on the Selma to Montgomery march,
March 21 to March 25, 1965.

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 nations. We acknowledge and thank the diverse Indigenous peoples whose presence marks this territory on which peoples of the world now gather.

Prelude:

Les Rameaux - Jean Baptiste-Faure

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# 123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna
the happy children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang;
to Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed
'mid an exultant crowd,

the victory palm-branch waving,
and singing clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
content that little children
should on his bidding wait.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!"

That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;
earth, let your anthems ring.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his humble presence
eternally rejoice!

Opening Prayer

O God, today we mark the ending of Lent and soon our Jewish sisters and brothers will be reflecting on your leading the faithful out of the suffering and bondage in Egypt. They recall the time of deliverance.

This Lent we have used the popular music from the Civil Rights movement that so moved the imagination of a generation. We have found both joy and strength in their offerings and so have sung them with gusto.

We confess, therefore, that we would love to have the music of our times reflect the merging of faith with popular songs. We find ourselves increasing not only on the margins but regarded with everything from suspicion to downright opposition.

O God, remind us of the true depth of the teachings and actions of Jesus that we mark today, and in the week ahead and Jesus has set us free but that all freedom comes with a heavy price.

Help us to see that our Lord's call to service still challenges those in places of power and authority and Christ's voice has no problem with speaking truth to power.

Most Holy Spirit grant us the courage to be advocates for the true values of your realm and to wrestle with how they impact our life in the here and now.

(silence)

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

Hymn: This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

[1]
Each and every day, I'm gonna let it shine
Each and every day, I'm gonna let it shine
Each and every day, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

[2]
All over my neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine

All over my neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine
All over my neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

[3]
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

[4]
Put it under a bushel - No! I'm gonna let it shine
Put it under a bushel - No! I'm gonna let it shine
Put it under a bushel - No! I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

[5]
Ain't nobody gonna whoof it out, I'm gonna let it shine
Ain't nobody gonna whoof it out, I'm gonna let it shine
Ain't nobody gonna whoof it out, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

[Chorus]
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Psalm: 118 VU# 837 with Refrain (R)
Reader: Maria Bybel

Refrain: Hallelujah! hallelujah!

Let Israel now say:
 "God's love endures for ever."

Let the house of Aaron say:
 "God's love endures for ever."

Let those who fear God say:
 "God's love endures for ever."

Refrain: Hallelujah! hallelujah!

God is my strength and my song; God has become my salvation.
 There are shouts of joy and deliverance in the tents of the righteous.
The right hand of God does mighty things; the right hand of God raises up.
 The right hand of God does mighty things.
I shall not die, but live; and I shall proclaim what God has done.
 God indeed punished me, but did not give me over to death.

Refrain: Hallelujah! hallelujah!

Open to me the gates of the temple, that I may enter and give thanks to God.
 This is the gate of God; through it the righteous shall enter.
I thank you for you have answered me; you have become my salvation.
 The stone which the builders rejected
 has become the chief cornerstone.
This is God's doing, marvellous in our eyes.
 This is the day that God has made,

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Refrain: Hallelujah! hallelujah!

Save us, O God, we pray;

God, we pray, give us success.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

We bless you from the house of God.

God, our God, has given us light;

with palm branches in hand let us march to the alter.

You are my God, and I will thank you;

you are my God, and I will extol you.

@Gospel: Matthew 21: 1 - 11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Write these words on our hearts, dear God!

Hymn: *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

1. We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
Soldiers of the cross.

2. Ev'ry round goes higher, higher,
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher,
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher,
Soldiers of the cross.

3. Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Soldiers of the cross.

4. If you love Him, why not serve Him?
If you love Him, why not serve Him?
If you love Him, why not serve Him?
Soldiers of the cross.

Sermon Walking the Talk

Rev. Dr. Douglas Throop

Music for Spiritual Centering:

Ride On, King Jesus! - arr. Donald Moore
Voices: Mountainside United Church Choir

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 *Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round*

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round,
turn me 'round, turn me 'round,
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round
I'm gonna keep on a walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marching up to freedom land.

Ain't gonna let Nervous Nelly turn me 'round,
turn me 'round,
Ain't gonna let Nervous Nelly turn me 'round,
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marching up to freedom land.

Ain't gonna let ___ turn me 'round,
turn me 'round,
Ain't gonna let ___ turn me 'round,
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marching up to freedom land.

Ain't gonna let ___ turn me 'round,
turn me 'round,
Ain't gonna let ___ turn me 'round,
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marching up to freedom land.

Ain't gonna let all forms of hatred turn me 'round,
turn me 'round,
Ain't gonna let all forms of hatred turn me 'round,
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marching up to freedom land.

Benediction:

Postlude:

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna - arr. Wendy Stevens
Piano: Alberto Santos

Reference and Information **for the week of March 29, 2026**

- ❖ TODAY we celebrate PALM SUNDAY. After the worship service join all for a coffee and conversation on Level 1.
- ❖ April 1. " Eyes To See" Meditation with Rev Throop on Zoom, 7:30-8:00pm. This is the last presentation for Lent but all were recorded and may be followed on YouTube.
- ❖ April 3. GOOD FRIDAY -Join the Worship service on ZOOM, 7:30pm. Everyone is invited to join and are welcome.
- ❖ April 5. EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE - in-person at BHC, Communion, Special Music, and ALL are welcome.
- ❖ April 19, 2026 - **Annual Congregational Meeting**. The 2025 Annual Report will be available early April. You will receive a copy by email unless you specifically request a paper copy by signing the sheet at coffee hour or by calling the office at 514-486-1165.

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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