



Mountainside United Church

3520 Rue University Montreal, Qc, H3A 2A7

Sunday Worship, **9:30am**

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EASTER VI, Year A

May 10, 2026

Mother's Day

On Zoom

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:

La fille aux cheveux de lin - Claude Debussy
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# 395 Part of the Family

Refrain: Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.

We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

1. You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. **[Refrain]**

2. God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. **[Refrain]**

3. There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. **[Refrain]**

4. There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy,
and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. **[Refrain]**

Opening Prayer

We gather virtually today from the comfort of our homes with the mementos of our own story surrounding us in photos and keepsakes. They bring us comfort because they assure us of our place in this world.

O God, may we be mindful that in the world as we find it, many are lacking this comfort and security.

Due to the tragedy of war, the tragedy of poverty, and the pain of abandonment, many of your children have little but the clothing on their back. Their memories are those of suffering and hardship

We pray that the comfort of our privilege might not make us insensitive or indifferent to the reality of our sisters and brothers on this small planet.

We pray that as we celebrate Mother's Day, we may move our thoughts beyond sentimentality, and idealism, to a focus on the One who is like both mother and father for all humankind, thus making all inhabitants of this small planet family.

(silence)

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

Hymn: MV#18 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

@ 1st Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25 – 34

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life[a]?”

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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

Psalm: 66 VU# 784 Part One with sung refrain (R)

Reader: Linda Guignon Mount

Refrain: God, our God, how glorious is your name o'er all the earth.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
**sing to the honour of God's name;
make glorious the praise of God.**

How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your strength, your foes wilt before you.
**For all the world shall worship you,
shall sing to you and praise your name. [R]**

O come and see what God has done,
a work that is awesome to all earth's children.
**God turned the sea into dry land;
they crossed the river on foot.**
There we rejoiced in God, who rules in power forever.
**whose eyes keep watch on the nations.
Let not the rebellious lift up their heads. [R]**

Gospel from the Lectionary: John 14: 15 - 21

Reader: Linda Guignon Mount

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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Psalm: VU#820 *Make a Joyful Noise*

Refrain: Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song! song!

1. Know that your God had made you.
Know it's to God we belong.
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.
Worship your God with a song!

2. Enter these gates, thanks giving.
Enter these courts with praise.
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.
Worship your God with a song!

3. Ages through endless ages,
seasons of endless years,
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.
Worship your God with a song!

Sermon Flowers on Mother's Day Rev. Dr. Douglas Throop

Offertory Reflections: Acknowledging How Givings Grow into Lives Changed

Music for Spiritual Centering:

For the Beauty of the Earth - John Rutter
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#333 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Benediction:

Postlude:

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me - Mary McDonald
Piano: Alberto Santos

Reference and Information **for the week of May 10, 2026**

- ❖ Please consider donating to our Camp Appeal with a donation by cheque, cash or e-transfer. The campaign runs until the 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.
 - ❖ May 10. TODAY we have a Mother's Day Worship service on Zoom at 9:30am and the time after to enjoy the day.
 - ❖ May 17. Worship in person, BHC and all are invited for Lunch and a time to celebrate with those who enjoy May birthdays.
- 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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