



Mountainside United Church

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Sunday Worship, 10:30 am

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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:

Quia ergo femina - Hildegard von Bingen
Voice & Vielle: Leah Weitzner

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# 28 *God of the Bible*

Refrain:

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

1. God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home. **R**

2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,

feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. **R**

3. Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights. **R**

4. Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way. **R**

5. Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other.
till our world changes, facing the Cross. **R**

Call to Worship:

Holy One, we live in a world that loves to acknowledge something important by having a theme day.

We have a day for Thanksgiving, a day for Indigenous Relations, a day for Canada, a day for your nativity, and a day to Remember the horrors and sacrifices of war, and so it goes.

The problem is O God, that we often leave it there. We feel sad, we feel regretful, we feel grateful, we feel thankful, we feel cozy and happy for Christmas, but then we're on to some other distraction.

We pray for a little more consistency and stick-to-it-ness in our lives, so challenge us to be committed to peace, to be appreciative for the gift of life, and to live the ways of justice and compassion.

Silent Prayers

God in your love,
Hear our prayer.
Amen

Hymn: VU#603 *In Loving Partnership We Come*

1. In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive,
we freely offer them to you.

2. We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful word and faithful deed.

3. Loving community we seek;
your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak
are brought together in your love.

4. In loving partnership, O God,

help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire,
we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

@Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the witness of the Early Church!
Thanks be to God!

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 12 VU# 880 with refrain (R)

Reader: Georgia Copland

Refrain : Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

I will praise you, O God,
 for though you were angry with me,
 your anger turned away, and you comforted me.
Surely God is my salvation.
I will trust and not be afraid,
 for you, God, are my strength and might;
 you show yourself my saviour. R

With joy we draw water from the wells of salvation.
 Give thanks and call on God's name.
Make known God's deeds among the nations;
 proclaim that God's name is exalted.
Sing praises to God, whose work is glorious;
let it be known in all the earth.
 Shout for joy, you who dwell in Zion,
 for the Holy One of Israel is majestic among you. R

Gospel: Luke 21: 5 - 19

Reader: Georgia Copland

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify.

So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

Hymn: VU # 284 *Joyful Is the Dark*

1. Joyful is the dark, holy, hidden God,
rolling cloud of night beyond all naming,
majesty in darkness, energy of love,
Word in flesh, the mystery proclaiming.
2. Joyful is the dark Spirit of the deep,
winging wildly o'er the world's creation,
silken sheen of midnight, plumage black and bright,
swooping with the beauty of a raven.
3. Joyful is the dark, shadowed stable floor;
angels flicker, God on earth confessing,
as with exultation, Mary, giving birth,
hails the infant cry of need and blessing.
4. Joyful is the dark coolness of the tomb,
waiting for the wonder of the morning.
Never was that midnight touched by dread and gloom:
darkness was the cradle of the dawning.
5. Joyful is the dark depth of love divine,
roaring, looming thundercloud of glory,
holy, haunting beauty, living, loving God.
Hallelujah! Sing and tell the story!

Joyful is the dark, joyful is the dark, joyful is the dark.

Sermon Enable When Able

Rev. Dr. Douglas Throop

Offertory Reflections: Acknowledging How Givings Grow into Lives Changed

Music for Spiritual Centering:

Where all charity and love are (Ubi caritas) - arr. Alan Bullard
Voices: MUC 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#642 *Be Thou My Vision*

1. Be Thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee.

3. Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. Great God of heaven, after my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction:

Postlude:

Danny Boy (Londonderry Air) – derived from Keith Jarrett's interpretation, arr. Paul Barton
Piano: Alberto Santos

Reference and Information
for the week of November 16, 2025

- TODAY we celebrate with Lunch and Birthday Wishes to all those who have November Birthdays. Join all on Level 1 after the service.
- Sunday November 23 is Reign of Christ Worship. Please wear WHITE.
- November 26. Rev Douglas Throop begins a four week Meditation Group, "Eyes to See" on ZOOM, first group begins at 6:20pm- 7:00pm.
- November 30. Advent 1. HOPE. Communion.
- Each Thursday between 9:30 & 11:00 our Bible Study group meets on zoom. We are following a lecture series entitled The New Testament this term. All are welcome. The zoom link is available from the church office.

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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