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Mountainside United Church

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:

Après un rêve - Gabriel Fauré, arr. Robert Jacobs
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# 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 empower 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 gather this day with joy in our hearts and we see the spectacle of colour in nature that surrounds us.

May the mixture of hues that together provide us with a beautiful vista be akin to the variety of races and peoples that you have placed here in your creation.

Help us, O God, to celebrate the diversity that is ours and the unique perspective on life that this brings to our Community of Faith.

Silent Prayers

God in your love,
Hear our prayer.
Amen

Hymn: **MV #9** *Venite, Exultamus Domino* (Taizé)

Latin :

Venite, exultemus Domino,
venite, adoremus.
Venite, exultemus Domino,
venite, adoremus.

English:

O come and let us sing to God, our hope,
God's mercy is forever.
O come and let us sing to God, our hope,
God's mercy is forever.

Epistle: **2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5**

Reader: John Carr

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be

persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

Psalm: Psalm 119 VU p.840 Part Four with refrain (R)
Reader: John Carr

Refrain:
Teach me, O God,
the perfect way of your divine commands.

O how I love your law! It is my study all day long.
**Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies;
for it is always with me.**
I have gained more insight than all my teachers,
for your instruction is my study.
**I have more understanding than the aged,
for I keep your commandments. R**
I have held my feet back from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.
**I have not swerved from your judgements,
for you, yourself, have taught me.**
How sweet is your word on my tongue,
sweeter than honey in my mouth!
**Through your commandments I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way. R**

@Gospel: Luke 18: 1 - 8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

Hymn: VU # 582 *There's a Spirit in the Air*

1. There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world."

2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

3. When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

4. Still the Spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

5. When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world

6. May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay,
live tomorrow' life today.

7. There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in Our world.

Sermon Useful Lessons for These Days

Rev. Dr. Douglas Throop

Offertory Reflections: Acknowledging How Givings Grow into Lives Changed

Music for Spiritual Centering:

We Gather Together - arr. Jeremy Walton
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. 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.

3. 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:

Be Thou My Vision - arr. Mark Hayes
Piano: Alberto Santos

Reference and Information
for the week of October 19, 2025

- TODAY WE CELEBRATE. Please join for lunch, birthday celebration and the joy of fall on Level 1 after the service.
- October 26- Sunday on Stewardship.
- November 2- Sunday on Outreach.
- Our Thursday morning zoom study group will resume October 23rd at 9:30. We will be following a course entitled, The New Testament.

All are welcome. The zoom link is available at 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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How Evolution Started

