



Mountainside United Church

Creation V Year C

October 5, 2025

World Wide Communion Sunday

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:

Träumerei - Robert Schumann

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#822 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
delight in God whose praise you tell,
whose presence calls you to rejoice.

2. Know that there is one God, indeed,
who fashions us without our aid,
who claims us, gives us all we need,
whose tender care will never fade.

3. Enter the sacred gates with praise;
with joy approach the temple walls.
Extol and bless our God always
as people whom the Spirit calls.

4. Proclaim again that God is good,
whose mercy is forever sure,
whose truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Opening Prayer

God of all peoples and nations, we give you thanks that we reflect the beauty and diversity of creation.

Lord, on this World Communion Sunday, we come together as one body, united in Christ across nations and races.

As we break bread together and share the cup, we remember that we are still one body in you, even though we have different languages, cultures, and traditions, different ways of worship, praying and praising.

As we share in the bread and cup, remind us of your boundless love and the call to be instruments of peace and justice in the world.

May this sacred meal strengthen our faith and inspire us to live out your grace with compassion and unity.

So, we celebrate the desire that by your grace we may grow more deeply human and more in line with your wishes for your commonwealth on earth for which we pray.

(silence)

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

Hymn: MV #22 *God of All the World*

1. God of all the world,
we have come to give you thanks
and become more like you.

2. God of all the world,
we have come to give you thanks
and become more like you.
In worship we long to be one
with each other and you.

@Epistle: 2 Timothy 1: 1 – 14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a

herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

This is the witness of the Early Church!

Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 137 VU# 858 with Refrain (R)

Reader: Julie Dawson

Chorus:

By the waters, the waters of Babylon,
We sat down and wept, and wept, for Zion.
We remember, we remember, we remember Zion.

Refrain: By the rivers Of Babyl on , there we wept.

By the rivers of Babylon we sat down and wept
when we remembered Zion.

**There on the willows we hung up our harps
when our captors asked us for songs.**

Our tormentors called for entertainment, saying,
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" R

How could we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my hands wither!

Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you,

if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. R

Gospel Luke 17: 5 – 10

Reader: Julie Dawson

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

Write these words on our hearts dear God!

Hymn: MV#178 *Who Is My Mother*

1. Who is my mother, who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

2. Differently abled, differently labelled,
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:

crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas,
all come together round Jesus Christ.

3. Love will relate us colour or status
can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:
family failings, human derailings
all are accepted round Jesus Christ.

4. Bound by one vision, met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
here is my mother, here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ. Amen!

Sermon Motorcycle Grannies for Jesus

Rev. Dr. Douglas Throop

Offertory Reflections: Acknowledging How Givings Grow into Lives Changed

Music for Spiritual Centering:

Lead Me, Lord - Samuel Sebastian Wesley
Voices: MUC Choir
Piano: Alberto Santos

Invitation to the Table:

Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

Creed:

We are not alone,
we live in God's world. We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God

Tayo ay hindi nag-iisa, nabubuhay tayo sa daigdig ng Dios.
Sumasampalataya tayo sa Dios:
na lumalang at lumalalang,
na naporito sa pamamagitan ni Hesus, ang Salita
na nagging laman, upang makipagkasundo
at gawing bago,
na gumagawa sa atin at sa lahat sa pamamagitan ng Espiritu.
Tumitiwala tayo sa Dios.

**Tayo ay tinawag upang maging Iglesia:
upang ipagdiwang ang pakikisama ng Dios,
upang mabuhay na pinahahalagahan ang Nilalang,
upang ibigin at paglingkuran ang kapwas,
upang hanapin ang katarungan at bakahin ang kasamaan,
upang ipahayag si Hesus, na napako sa krus at nabuhay na
maguli, ating hukom at ating pag-asa.
Sa kabuhayan, sa kamatayan, sa kabuhayan sa kabila ng kamatayan,
ang Dios ay kasama natin.
Tayo ay hindi nag-iisa.
Magpasalamat tayo sa Dios.**

Communion Hymn: VU# 467

One Bread, One Body

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man no more. **R**

2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. **R**

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. **R**

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to our Sovereign God!
Let us together give God our thanks and praise.
It is right so to do.

Around this small, fragile, planet we praise you this day for the presence of your Holy Spirit among us and symbolically here in this sacrament.

May we too, bring together the languages and cultures of the world in your praise and service.

May our experience of the beauty, mystery, and awe rouse us to greater spiritual awareness, greater respect for God's creation, and all faithfulness and generosity in our living.

O God sustain us in the exercise of our calling to be your disciples.

Let what we do here at this hour remind us of the cost of freedom for we now recall Jesus last supper with his followers.

As we retell this story symbolically, now, here with us
Jesus takes bread and offers you thanks.
He breaks the bread, and gives it to all disciples,
saying,
'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

At the end of the supper, Jesus takes the cup,

again, offers you thanks, and gives it to
all disciples saying:
'Drink this, all of you. This is my blood
of the new covenant, it is poured out for
you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**By your grace we are made one with Christ, and so we offer you these gifts and with them
ourselves as a single, holy, and living offering.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your life-
giving power, she may enable them to be for us the presence of your Christ.

**Holy and Loving God, we entreat you to hear the prayers we offer you tonight on behalf of
those in need who name, or need, or circumstances we now voice in this sacred
assembly_____.**

God hear our prayer.
And in your love answer.

Prayer of Jesus (Sung):

**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.**

Fraction and Distribution:

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty and Everlasting God, we give you thanks that you have granted us the presence of your
beloved one Jesus Christ.

**Help us so to walk the ways of love that Christ might evermore dwell in us and us in Christ to
the glory of your most holy name. Amen.**

Hymn VU#420 *Go to the World*

**1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**2. Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Benediction:

Postlude:

How Great Thou Art - arr. Larry Shackley
Piano: Alberto Santos

Reference and Information
for the week of October 5, 2025

- TODAY is WW Communion Sunday. After the service join on Level 1 for coffee and conversation.
 - October 12. Join with us as we celebrate THANKSGIVING SUNDAY.
 - A request from the Minister and L&L, please refrain from the conducting of all church business prior to the service. We uphold that there remains plenty of time to do so following the worship and during the fellowship time. Preservice is a time for welcoming, preparation, and centering.
 - **Montreal Mission Internship Program Centennial Campaign** - One last friendly reminder that we are still fundraising for an internship stipend of \$5000. Help support a future minister as they spend next summer working for a community service programme.
- 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 Sunday Mornings.

In the event of poor reception, the Service may be viewed later on our YouTube Channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/live/ KrBjJNFt_U?feature=share](https://www.youtube.com/live/KrBjJNFt_U?feature=share)

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