

St. James United Church

463 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal, Quebec

Minister: Rev. Arlen John Bonnar

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Rev. Dr. Phyllis Smyth, Rev. Doug Stewart

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Sunday, April 18th, 2010 11:00 a.m.

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude: Trio in G minor (BWV 584) Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

***Processional Hymn 158** Christ is alive! Truro

*Welcome / Bienvenue

***Call to Worship**

Sing praises to God, O you saints of God.

Give thanks to God's holy name.

Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day.

Thank God for healing and ever-present help.

Extol the one who lifts us up from defeat.

Praise the one who upholds us when we are discouraged.

God sees and hears our weeping.

God lifts our souls from the pit of despair.

Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing.

Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.

We have cried to you in our need, O God.

We believe you are working to make us whole.

***Response: Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!**

(Sung) My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God!

Santo, santo, santo. Mi corazon te adora!

Mi corazon te sabe decir: Santo eres Dios!

Prayer of Approach (in unison)

Come to us as a light from heaven, Sovereign God. Pierce the shadows of doubt and despair, anger and scorn, that we allow to rule in our lives. Turn us from ways that deny your rule among us. Awaken us from dull routines to worship that is alive with awe and wonder, spontaneity, and joy. Surprise us with a presence we cannot avoid, a summons we dare not evade, a mission we may not escape. We are gathered by the love of Christ, that we may feed others as we have been fed. Amen.

Anthem: For the beauty of the earth (Words: VU226)
with the Every Kid Choir

John Rutter (1945-)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, we admit to attitudes that exclude rather than embrace. We prefer to associate with others who think and act as we do. We turn away from those who are different from us. We identify some as enemies to be avoided or even destroyed. Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your family. Awaken us to the limits of our understanding and the narrowness of our dealings. Show us the better ways you intend and make us bold to respond, we pray in Jesus' name.....Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture: Acts 9: 1 - 20

Psalm 8 VU page 732

The Gospel: John 21: 1 - 19

Sermon

***Hymn 179** Hallelujah, hallelujah, give thanks

Alleluia No. 1

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Life and Concerns

Presentation of Peace Symbols, candles and cranes, to Visitors

Offertory Invitation

Anthem: J'ai vu l'eau vive

(Jaillissant du coeur du Christ. Alleluia.)

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

***The Offertory: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.** (#541)
Offertory Prayer

We Remember: Private Tyler William Todd

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
The Lord's Prayer (sung #960)

***Hymn 211** Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

***The Commissioning**

Rise and go where God directs.

Your caring may be the answer to someone's prayer.

We will extol our God in word and deed.

We will reach out to our neighbours with love.

Be alert to the needs of people you meet.

You may be God's chosen instrument of healing.

We will praise God's faithfulness day by day.

We will listen with compassion to those who suffer.

Blessed are those who believe without seeing.

Blessed are those who trust without proof.

We will follow where Christ leads us.

Blessing, honour, glory, and power be to our God.

Amen. Amen.

***The Benediction**

Go Now in Peace (Congregation Seated)

arr. Philip Crozier

Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will be with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude: Fugue in B flat major (f.31)

Wilhelm Friedemann Bach (1710-1784)

A **warm welcome** is extended to everyone worshipping with us today. If you are visiting, we would like to present you with a peace symbol. Please come forward during the offering. Everyone is invited for refreshments and conversation in Dawson Hall. Please leave your hymn books at the door as you exit the sanctuary.

Thanks to the **Every Kid Choir** for their participation this morning.
They are holding a **Bake Sale**, after today's service, in Dawson Hall

Confidential Listening Process and All Day Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on April 25th 2010 after church to meet with Mr. Peter Bishop, a facilitator, who will explain the process of exploration and dialogue that the Official Board has decided to undertake at St. James. It will consist of confidential listening sessions for individuals or small groups which can be arranged on April 25th (p.m. and evening), April 26th (all day and evening), and April 27th (all day until 6 p.m.), and June 4th (all day until 4 p.m.) To set an appointment, please communicate directly with Mr. Bishop by phone (613-836-1303) or e-mail (pbishop@bellnet.ca) at least four days in advance to arrange a time. All meetings will occur in the Richmond Room at the church. Following these sessions, there will be a one-day Congregational Meeting on June 5th, 2010 in Dawson Hall. Upon completion of the process, we will celebrate the work done at a regular church service. We strongly encourage members/adherents to participate in these important sessions.

- The Ministry and Personnel Committee

Sundays at St. James - Worship at 11 a.m.

April 25th Worship. Rev. Bonnar.

May 2nd Worship / Communion May 9th Family Sunday May 16th Worship

The deadline for **Circuit Rider** items is Friday, April 30th. Please respect the deadline.
You may submit news items to the office or directly to Carolyn Cronk.

Prayer Shawl Group - Wed. Apr. 21st, 5:30 p.m. Knitters welcome!

Chamber Music Without Borders Recital Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.

St. James Choral Concert - Sunday, May 2nd, 7:30 p.m.

2010 Recital Series, Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. (Beginning June 8th)

Choir Rehearsals: Thursday, 6:30 - 8 p.m.; Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

A CD (\$20) by Philip Crozier is available. Proceeds to Organ Restoration Fund.

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