

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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Choral Director: Jean-Sébastien Allaire

SUNDAY, APRIL 25th, 2010 11 a.m.

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude: Récit de Tierce en taille Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)
(Gloria - Premier Livre d'Orgue)

***Processional Hymn 169** Good Christians all, rejoice and sing Vulpus

*Welcome / Bienvenue

***Call to Worship**

Arise, people of God, to greet the one who calls us;
come alive to the Spirit's energy among us.

God awakens us and restores our souls.

Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here.

The shepherd is calling us to new ventures.

We are invited to a higher quality of life.

We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys.

God's love in Christ is with us everywhere.

Come to drink from springs of living water.

Gather to find comfort and blessing here.

Surely God will guide our search for truth.

We seek eternal values within our daily walks.

***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)

Draw us together, Eternal One, from paths of aimless wandering. Lead us today toward the community you intend. Draw the fragments of our lives together into some meaningful whole. Help us deal with present concerns in constructive ways yet point us beyond ourselves to engage with you in larger issues. Help us feel the hunger and thirst of others; then lead your church to make a caring response. May your love full us and overflow into other lives. Amen.

Anthem: Blessed be the God and Father Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)
(.....of our Lord Jesus Christ)

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture: Revelation 7: 9-17

*Psalm 23 Refrain 2 VU page 749

The Gospel: John 10: 22-30

Sermon

***Hymn 273** The King of love St Columba

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Life and Concerns

Presentation of Peace Symbols, candles and cranes, to Visitors

Offertory Invitation

Anthem: Tune thy music to thy heart Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

***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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (sung #960)

***Hymn 334** All hail the power of Jesus' name Miles Lane

*The Commissioning

Go forward from this place as praying, caring people.
Let good works and charity abound.

**We believe God calls us to make a difference.
God wants us to change the world.**

Your deeds bear witness to God's love.
Others will believe because of your faith.

**We trust the shepherd to lead and guide us.
We look to God for the strength we need.**

Surely goodness and mercy will follow us.
Our eternal home is part of us right now.

**God's salvation has come to us. Alleluia!
We will praise and honour our God forever and ever.**

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: Choral Song (from *Choral Song and Fugue*) Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*** Please stand as you are able.**

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.

The **Music Working Committee** would like to hear from you regarding the music program at St. James. Please come to complete our survey during coffee hour on Sundays, April 25th, May 2nd, 9th and 16th.

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

Art Exposition for Haiti Relief: Dawson Hall, Thursday & Friday, April 22nd & 23rd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday April 24th from noon to 3:30 p.m.

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.

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

May 2nd Worship / Communion
May 9th Family Sunday May 16th Worship May 23rd Worship. Baptisms

Young Adults Improv Workshop today in the chapel at 1 p.m.

Info: stjamesuya@gmail.com or speak with Jenny, Emily, or Ryan.

Stewards Committee meeting - Wednesday, April 28th, 6 p.m.

Spirituality Group - Sunday, May 2nd, 12:30 p.m.

Ministry & Personnel - Thursday, May 13th

Piano Recital by Su Jeon -- Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.

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

- includes Mendelssohn's *Hear my Prayer* and music by Samuel S. Wesley marking his 200th anniversary. Freewill Offering

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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