

## St. James United Church

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

**Minister:** Rev. Arlen John Bonnar

**Volunteer Associate Ministers:**

Rev. Dr. Phyllis Smyth, Rev. Doug Stewart

**Director of Music:** Philip Crozier

**Choral Director:** Jean-Sébastien Allaire

**Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 11 a.m.**

### WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude: Vivace J. S. Bach (1685-1750)  
(Trio Sonata No.6, First Movement) (BWV 530)

**\*Processional Hymn 198** Come, O Spirit, dwell among us Ebenezer

\*Welcome / Bienvenue

### **\*Call to Worship**

The grace of Jesus Christ be with all the saints!

We have gathered in that grace to worship God.

**Rejoice in God and give thanks to God's holy name.**

**Let all heaven and earth behold God's glory.**

God is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

All creation is subject to God's rule and reign.

**We bring our prayers and praise to God most high,**

**we lift our voices in hymns of celebration.**

Come, all who hunger, all who thirst;

Be nourished and renewed in this time of worship.

**We bring joys and sorrows, fullness and needs.**

**We come with successes and failures; we come seeking.**

**\*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)

**We come seeking a presence that shakes foundations and helps us build new ones. We come with all our wounds, asking for healing. We come, remembering our baptism and wanting to claim the difference that it makes in our lives. We come through the shadowy clouds of our unbelief, seeking the brightness of your glory, O God. We want a faith to sustain us through times of trial and testing. Be powerfully present with us, gracious Spirit. Amen.**

Anthem: Above all praise and all majesty (Op. 79, No. 3) Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)  
(Lord, thou reignest evermore. Allelujah)

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Hear our individual confessions, O God, as we recall the ways we ignore you every day. Listen to our regrets over the abuse we have heaped on others by our words, actions, or neglect. We join together in asking forgiveness for the ways our church inflicts injury on members of the household of faith while excluding many who differ from us. We live by our own devices rather than taking risks to follow where Christ might lead us. Deliver us, O God, from empty forms to receive the fullness of your grace and the power to live as you intend.**

Assurance of Pardon

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

\*Psalm 97 VU page 817

Scripture: Acts 16: 16 - 34

Sermon

\*Hymn 120 O Jesus, I have promised

Day of Rest

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Life and Concerns

Presentation of Peace Symbols, candles and cranes, to Visitors

Offertory Invitation

Anthem: O clap your hands (Words: VU page 771) Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

**\*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 420** Go to the world

Sine Nomine

**\*The Commissioning**

Believers, you have been endowed with the gospel.  
Go out, with unity of spirit, to share good news.

**We are awed and amazed at God's gifts to us.**

**With fear and trembling, we dare to represent God.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, take love to the world.

With the spirit of truth, offer peace to the nations.

**We seek to live in peace with our neighbours.**

**We offer our best selves to proclaim love for all.**

Invite the thirsty to receive the water of life.

The grace of Jesus Christ be with all the saints.

**We have received abounding grace.**

**With joy and thanksgiving, we pass it on.**

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: Allegro assai vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

Sonata No. 1 (Op. 65, No. 1)

**\* 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.

**Congregational meeting - today in the sanctuary immediately after service.**

Purpose: to accept 2009 financial statements;  
to receive a letter of resignation from the Board of Trustees.

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

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Pentecost. Baptisms.

May 30<sup>th</sup> Covenanting Service with Ryan Fea

June 6<sup>th</sup> 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church. Communion.

13<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Conflict Process

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 after service today.

The **Montreal Chamber Music Festival** has donated a limited number of concert tickets to be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets must be picked up at the office prior to the concert date. Please call Anne at 514-288-9245.

**Young Adults**, today, Guided tour of Mount Royal Cemetery

Info: Speak with Jenny, Emily, or Ryan.

**Session**, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.

**Stewards**, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 p.m.

**CD (\$20) by Philip Crozier.** Proceeds to Organ Restoration Fund.

**Budget Update March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

| <b>Revenue</b>         |            | <b>Expenses</b>        |            |
|------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| Actual to date         | 115,353.00 | Actual to date         | 131,869.00 |
| Last year to date      | 111,884.00 | Last year to date      | 121,402.00 |
| Revenue Budget to date | 138,250.00 | Expense Budget to date | 137,139.00 |

**2010 Recital Series**, Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. Freewill Offering

June 8<sup>th</sup> Giancarlo Scalia (piano) 15<sup>th</sup> Jens Korndorfer (Germany); 22<sup>nd</sup> Erik Reinart;  
29<sup>th</sup> Philip Crozier. July 6<sup>th</sup> Rona Nadier (harpischord); 13<sup>th</sup> Esteban La Rotta (Lute)

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