

St. James United Church

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

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CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY, MAY 9th, 2010 11 a.m.

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude: Ciacona in E minor (BuxWV 160)

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

***Processional Hymn 218** We praise you, O God

Kremser

*Welcome / Bienvenue

***Call to Worship**

This is the day to honour mothers and fathers

Celebrate with us, Loving God.

This is the day to give thanks for our parents and grandparents.

Celebrate with us, Caring God.

This is the day to remember our whole family.

Celebrate with us, God of Fellowship.

This is the day to rejoice in the life of our church.

Celebrate with us, Faithful God.

This is the day to recall the whole human family.

Celebrate a sharing word, Universal God.

***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) **Gracious and loving God, who in Jesus Christ has called each one of us to recognize that we are all sisters and brothers and members of your family, unite us today as a community of faith, listening to your word and finding in it our greatest hope and highest joy. May we hear the words of your mouth and give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.**

Gathering of Flowers

Anthem: A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter (1945-)

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture: Matthew 19: 13 - 15

Story Time

***Hymn 340** Jesus, friend of little children

Farnham

Scripture: Ephesians 3: 14 - 21

Reflection

***Hymn 395** Come in, come in and sit down

Part of the Family

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Life and Concerns

Presentation of Peace Symbols, candles and cranes, to Visitors

Offertory Invitation

Anthem: The Mother's Hymn

Matthew Lundquist

***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 Petty Officer Second Class Craig Blake

Prayers for Homes and Family (in unison, VU #557)

The Lord's Prayer (sung #960)

Sharing of Flowers

***Hymn 556** Would you bless our homes and families

Aitkin

***The Commissioning**

God's grace has been poured out on us.
We are invited to share it with more and more people.

**We seek to live so God's grace is evident.
We will consult with God in our decision-making.**

Go into the world to serve, to the glory of God.
May your thanksgiving increase day by day.

**Our praise will not cease when we leave this place.
All the world is God's temple, a place to give thanks.**

We are brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.
The Holy Spirit has come among us and abides with us.

**We have good news to share, so we will do it!
May our thanksgiving proclaim God's glory!**

***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: Elfes (Op.7, No.11) Joseph Bonnet (1884-1944)

*** 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.

We extend a special welcome to the children who have been baptized at St. James over the past three years, and to their family and friends.

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

May 16th Worship;
May 23rd Pentecost. Baptisms.
May 30th Covenanting Service with Ryan Fea

Congregational meeting - Sunday, May 16th immediately after service.

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

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, May 9th and 16th.

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 May 16th, Guided tour of Mount Royal Cemetery
Info: stjamesuya@gmail.com or speak with Jenny, Emily, or Ryan.

Trustees, Wed. May 12th, 6 p.m.

Ministry & Personnel, Thursday, May 13th

Session, May 19th, 6 p.m.

Stewards, June 2nd, 6 p.m.

Choir Rehearsals: Thursday, 6:30 - 8 p.m.; Sunday, 9:45 a.m.
CD (\$20) by Philip Crozier. Proceeds to Organ Restoration Fund.

Budget Update March 31st, 2010

Revenue		Expenses	
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

Our thanks to the people who prepared the Circuit Rider for mailing.

2010 Recital Series, Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. Freewill Offering
June 8th Giancarlo Scalia (piano) 15th Jens Korndorfer (Germany); 22nd Erik Reinart;
29th Philip Crozier. July 6th Rona Nadier (harpischord); 13th Esteban La Rotta (Lute)

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