

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, June 13th, 2010 11 a.m.

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude: Praeludium in G minor (BuxWV163)

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

***Processional Hymn 271** There's a wilderness in God's mercy Gott Will's Machen

*Welcome / Bienvenue

***Call to Worship**

Let the ears of all people be attentive;
The heavens are telling the glory of God.

Everything around us proclaims God's handiwork.

Let us bow down and worship our Creator.

Day and night, God is at work among us.

We are drawn together into one body, the church.

As we commune with God, we know we need one other.

Let us honour the good to be found in all people.

Hear once again the laws and commandments.

Find them sure and right and true for all.

We weep and mourn our lack of faithfulness.

We seek true community in which all are honoured.

***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)

Spirit of God, who inspired the Scriptures and gave them fulfillment in Jesus Christ, open our eyes to the gifts you have entrusted to each one of us and show us how to work together to realize your purposes in our midst. We long to live in a world where mutual caring and support replace competition and violence. Help us to honour one another's gifts and strive for the greatest of all gifts, the embodiment of your love. Amen.

Anthem: Turn back, O man

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

(Forswear thy foolish ways. Old now is earth, and none may count her days.)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Sometimes, God, we do not know what to confess. We seek to keep your law, but the right course is not always clear. We want to follow your direction, but it is hard to discern what is true. Sometimes it is difficult to care about people whose values are different from ours. How can we be one with those who do not share our beliefs? At times, our own faith is shaken - our faith in ourselves and our faith in you. We need your help, God, so our sins will not have dominion over us. Amen.

Assurance of Pradon

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture: I Corinthians 12: 26 - 13: 13

read by Liette Michaud

*Psalm 139 VU page 861

The Gospel: Matthew 7: 1-5; 22: 34-40

Reflection on Conflict Resolution Process

Valerie Shannon,
Chair, Ministry & Personnel Committee

***Hymn 684** Make me a channel of your peace

Channel of Peace

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Life and Concerns

Presentation of Peace Symbols, candles and cranes, to Visitors

Offertory Invitation

Anthem: O for a closer walk with God arr

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

***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 Trooper Larry Rudd and Sgt. Martin Goudreault

Litany of Affirmation (See insert)

The Lord's Prayer (sung #960)

***Hymn 633** Bless now, O God, the journey

Thornbury

***The Commissioning**

May the words of our mouths proclaim God's love.
May the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.
We go forward as praying, witnessing people.
We greet this week with high anticipation.
The Spirit of God accompanies us on our journey.
We are anointed for the sharing of good news.

Our words and deeds will release captives.
What do we do and say will change our world.

The joy of God is our strength.
The law of God revives us and makes us wise.

In purity of heart, we seek to serve.
In quiet confidence, we dare to change and grow.

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: Fuga sopra il Magnificat (BWV733) (Text: VU898) J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*** 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.

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

June 20th 100th Anniversary of Montreal City Mission. Reception.
27th Baptisms. Congregational Picnic.

Today at 12:30 p.m. Young adults meet to go to the Montreal Science Centre (\$12)

Today at 2 p.m. - Italian Madrigals of the 16th Century recital. Free

Official Board, Wednesday, June 16th, 6 p.m.

Spirituality Discussion Group - Monday, June 14th, 6 p.m. at Carolyn's (482-5759)

Saturday, June 26th, 7:30 p.m. People's Gospel Choir at St. James.

A Concert fund-raiser for the Drop In Centre. (Admission: \$20)

Sunday, June 27th Young Adults meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Richmond Room

The **Open Door** needs volunteers. Please speak with Rob Bull or call the office.

The **St. James Pastoral Care** team would like to help you and others if you are living through a major crisis, have health concerns, unsure of your life's direction, need a home or hospital visit. Please feel free to talk with us after Sunday service at our Prayer Table in Dawson Hall, place a note in the offering plate or call the church office and leave a message for Brenda Jackson.

Budget Update April 30th, 2010

Revenue		Expenses	
Actual to date	161,360.00	Actual to date	182,011.00
Last year to date	151,426.00	Last year to date	176,184.00
Revenue Budget to date	184,333.00	Expense Budget to date	183,186.00
Expense amount in excess of income \$20,651.00 as of April 30 th , 2010			

2010 Recital Series, Tuesdays (until Aug. 31st) 12:30 p.m. Freewill Offering

June 15th Jens Korndorfer (Germany); 22nd Erik Reinart; 29th Philip Crozier.

July 6th Rona Nadler (harpischord); 13th Esteban La Rotta (Lute)

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