

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

**Covenanting Service with Ryan Fea
Sunday, May 30th, 2010 11 a.m.**

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude: Lento

(Trio Sonata No. 6, Second Movement) (BWV 530)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

***Processional Hymn 504** How clear is our vocation, Lord

Repton

*Welcome / Bienvenue

***Call to Worship**

We gather to honour our covenant with God.

We gather to worship the God who has covenanted with us.

Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth.

Our wisdom comes from the one who meets us here.

Open your eyes to meet God face to face.

Open your ears to hear God's instruction.

God takes us by the hand to lead us.

The Word of God is written on our hearts.

Come to taste God's Word, which is sweeter than honey.

Come to touch the reality of God's presence.

Surely God will welcome us and protect us.

We will walk with new understanding of truth.

***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 corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres Dios!

Prayer of Approach (in unison)

Sow your seed in our midst, O God, for we are prepared to receive what you offer. We want to know you and to bear fruit for your reign among us. We want to meditate on your law and keep your commandments., draw us into the new covenant you have fashioned for us in Jesus Christ so that we may fulfill our ministry. Amen.

Anthem: The Secret of Christ

Richard Shephard (1949-)

(For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak. I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they will have not known I will guide them.)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

We confess, O God, that we are not eager to wrestle with you or take responsibility for sin in our lives. We see ourselves as basically decent, respectable people. Yet we have bent your commandments to our own conveniences. We listen only to the word we want to hear. We participate in the greed that is destroying your good earth, and we allow evil to triumph through our neglect. Shake us into awareness that brings change, and support us, we pray, on the difficult path toward greater faithfulness. Amen.

- Assurance of Pardon

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

*Psalm 121 VU page 842

The Gospel: Matthew 9: 9 - 13, 35 - 38

The Act of Covenanting with Ryan Fea

St. James: Jean Lagueux & Sandra Skelly; Personal Accompanist: Jen de Combe;

Chair, Presbytery Education & Student Committee: Rev. Dr. Phyllis Smyth;

Presbytery Education & Student Committee: Lynda Ecott;

Accompanist, Conference Interview Board: Nancy Stewart

***Hymn 509** I, the Lord of Sea and sky

Here I am, Lord

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Life and Concerns

Presentation of Peace Symbols, candles and cranes, to Visitors

Offertory Invitation

Anthem: King of glory, King of peace arr William Henry Harris (1883-1973)

***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 512** Lord, you give the great commission

Abbot's Leigh

***The Commissioning**

Continue in what you have learned.

Grow in all you have firmly believed.

God's Word provides our daily instruction.

Jesus Christ is our salvation day by day.

Proclaim the message that we are God's people.

Convince, rebuke, and encourage with patience.

We will persist in our teaching and serving.

We seek to be faithful in all circumstances.

Lift up your eyes to know God as your helper.

God has made us partners in a covenant of salvation.

God is granting us life in all its fullness.

We are growing in understanding and faith.

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

J. S. Bach

(Trio Sonata No. 6, Third Movement) (BWV 530)

*** 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 6th 85th Anniversary of the United Church. Communion.

13th Celebration of Conflict Process

20th 100th Anniversary Celebration of Montreal City Mission followed by reception in Dawson Hall.

Saturday, June 5th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Congregation Day in Dawson Hall.

An 'Open Forum' for members and adherents to express concerns and hopes for St. James. You are encouraged to participate in this process.

To assist with lunch preparations, please RSVP to the office.

Spirituality Discussion Group, Today, 12:30 p.m. Richmond Room

Stewards, Wednesday, June 2nd, 6 p.m.

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

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

Budget Update March 31st, 2010

Revenue

Actual to date 115,353.00

Last year to date 111,884.00

Revenue Budget to date 138,250.00

Expenses

Actual to date 131,869.00

Last year to date 121,402.00

Expense Budget to date 137,139.00

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 Nadler (harpischord); 13th Esteban La Rotta (Lute)

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