



AHA!

Reflections of a Time

This is the day of an unexpected turn

Lying motionless

Traveling monumental distances

Calmly...blown away

It makes sense...and can not be revealed

Wow-ness and belonging

Jettison the formulae

Embrace the complex structure

Nothing's changed...this day of unexpected turn

A weep of release...and humility

January 19, 2020

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: *Jim Goring*

Piano Prelude

Deep River

- *Spiritual, arr. S. Coleridge-Taylor*

Call to Worship

What do you seek?

Life and light!

Where do you seek it?

Everywhere!

Have you found it?

Sometimes. In some places.

Who are you that you seek this life and light?

We are beloved children of God.

Then, people of God,

seek life in this place,

seek light in this moment,

and know that no matter who you are—

no matter where you come from—

you are welcome here.

We come seeking new life.

We come seeking light.

We come to worship our God.

Hymn 797 (v.1,3,4)

Shall We Gather at the River

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God-Light,

your love calls us to live in new ways,

working for justice;

living kindness;

walking with you, humbly, every day.

Please, help us, O God!

Help us to be your blessing to the world.

Help us to notice your blessing in the world.

Help us to live your love and shine your light.

God of mercy,

we share with you our deepest vulnerabilities,

our wildest fears, our most expansive doubts.

We share with you all our failings,

our bindings and our brokenness.

Forgive us and free us.

Love us into wholeness, we pray.

(silent prayer) Amen.

Response to Prayer

Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;

let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.

Be to me a beacon bright

through shadows of life's wounding,

showing me the way to live

in faith, in your embrace.

Pardon

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



Time with Children and Youth

Song

Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah!

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The Adventure Centre begins.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Jesus, you are the light of the world.

Open our ears and our eyes

to your light shining

in stories, in your Word and in our lives.

May your light guide us

as we live and serve,

Amen.

The Scriptures

Prophet

Isaiah 42:1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

This is the gospel of the Lord.

712 (v.4)

Arise, your light is come!

The mountains burst in song!

Rise up like eagles on the wing;

God's power will make us strong.

Hymn 515

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

Sermon

AHA! – *Belonging*

Litany

Isaiah 58

Open your eyes to light that is shining.

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Here is how we choose to act,

to share our bread with the hungry,

to bring the homeless into our house,

to not hide ourselves from our own community.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

*If you offer your food to the hungry,
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.*

The Lord will guide you continually

and make your bones strong,

and you shall be like a watered garden,

your needs satisfied in parched places.

*You shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.*

Open your eyes to light that is shining.

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Then our gloom shall be like the noonday,

our light shall rise in the darkness,

and break forth like the dawn.

Prayers of the People

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

Invitation

Piano Offertory

Shall We Gather at the River

- arr. E. Broughton

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn 663 (v.2: tune, 497)

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

Community-in-Action

Hymn **635** (v.1-4) *Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You*

Benediction 726

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Organ Postlude *Light of the Minds that Know Him*
- arr. M. Balderston

COMMUNITY-IN-ACTION

With Appreciation

Thanks to the members of the Epiphany planning group for their ideas & for participating in worship during this season
- Euridice, Allysyn, Wendy, Jennifer, Tim, Charlotte & Jim.

Looking for Volunteers!

Volunteers are needed to help with The Adventure Centre on February 9th and 23rd. You will be given a curriculum and a lesson outline. Please consider sharing your gifts with our children. For more info, contact Bonnie.

St. Columba Concert Series

Warm your winter night **next Saturday at 7:30 pm** with a unique concert featuring Dmitry Babich on cello and wonderful music by pianist-composer Enzo De Rosa. Suggested donation \$15, free for kids. A portion of the donations will go to *Youth Unlimited – La Corde Pierrefonds*, a breakfast, lunch and after-school program for elementary school students.

Marché Wrap-up Potluck Lunch!

In an effort to find out what worked well (and what didn't!) at this year's Marché, let's join together in the SM Hall for a meal and a chat after church on **Sunday, January 26**. Please contact Cheryl (c_doxas@hotmail.com) with what you will contribute to the lunch and how many will be attending. If you can't attend but have feedback, please email Cheryl or Jennifer (jen.kendalldupont@gmail.com).

Your Input is Needed for our February Sermon Series!

Music has been an integral part of worship for many centuries. We sing and listen to music for many different reasons. Songs help us to express emotion and deep meaning. They tell stories, enable us to revisit the past and help shape our future. In our February sermon series, **'Songs that Inspire!'**, Michael and Lara would like to know if there a piece of music that has shaped your journey and spiritual life? It does not need to be a hymn or song of faith – any genre or style of music is welcome. Email Michael (michael@stcolumba.ca) or Lara (lara@stcolumba.ca) with the name of the song, and why it is meaningful for you.

Next Session Meeting

Session will meet on **Tuesday, January 28 at 7 pm**.

Family Cross Country Skiing/ Snow Shoeing Event

St. Columba will be hosting an afternoon of outdoor activity at Parc Bois-de-Liesse after church on either **Sunday, Feb. 2 or 9**. Bring your lunch and a change of clothes. All ages and abilities are welcome. Rentals are available at the park. If you are interested in participating, let Stéphane or Jennifer know in person or send an email to jendotsteph@hotmail.com, with your preferable date.

Annual Report

Annual Report time is upon us once again! If you are responsible for a group or activity, please submit your report to the office **by Sunday, February 2**. The Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, Feb. 23**.

Window Marché

Please note that the Window Marché is open every **Friday** from **10:30 am -2:30 pm**. Come by for some delicious & nutritious food to take home for those busy weeknight meals!

Envelopes

Please remember to pick up your 2020 envelopes from your mailboxes this morning.

Coffee & Greeting Rosters

We need your help in filling up our rosters! Please pick a date and add your name to the bulletin board.

Welcome to St. Columba!

We are called to love, respect and value God's world and all the people who inhabit it.

Our community is strengthened and enriched by the full inclusion of people of all ages, races, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, spiritual perspectives & socioeconomic backgrounds.

Everyone is invited to travel with us as we each explore our journeys of faith, whether the path is clear or winding, easy or exhausting, or sometimes just feels like it is going round in circles.

Together, we work to make our community one where God's love is truly known.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY ST. COLUMBA



Dix Mille Villages

a non-profit store committed to providing vital fair income to people around the world by selling their handicrafts and telling their stories. Purchases help to pay for food, education, health care and housing.

Christian Action Chrétienne

an ecumenical project of Pointe-Claire churches helping those with financial needs.

Extra Hands

a group of intellectually challenged adults who work each weekday at St. Columba doing various appropriate tasks.

Family Life Centre

a joint project of 8 United and Presbyterian churches providing referral services, workshops & short-term counselling on issues of family life.

Presbyterian World Service & Development

the development and relief agency of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In addition to relief and refugee work, PWS&D seeks to transform communities through programs in food security, sustainable livelihoods, health and human rights.

Presbyterians Sharing

the budget of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, a portion of which is used to support projects in Canada, China, Taiwan, Japan, India, Nepal, Nigeria, Malawi, Kenya, Mauritius, Ghana, Romania, Guatemala, Lebanon, Israel/Palestine.

Refugee Action Montréal

a joint mission of the Presbyterian and Anglican churches providing help to refugees and education to the churches.

St. Columba Music Centre

a teaching centre at St. Columba offering lessons in piano, guitar, flute and voice.

Tyndale - St. George's

a joint mission of the Presbyterian and Anglican churches in the Little Burgundy neighbourhood of Montréal, active with community projects.

VOBOC

an organization that empowers Adolescents and Young Adults (AYAs) with cancer to improve health outcomes.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today - Epiphany 2

10 am - Worship

Friday, January 24

10:30 am-2:30 pm: Window Marché

Saturday, January 25

7:30 pm - St. Columba Concert: Cello De Rosa

Sunday, January 26 - Epiphany 3

10 am - Worship

11:30 am - Marché Potluck Lunch & Wrap-up

CONGREGATIONAL PURPOSE

God's spirit has anointed us and sent us
to proclaim good news to the poor,
to release the prisoners,
to restore sight to the blind,
to free the oppressed,
to announce that
this is the year when God will act.

Luke 4.18,19 (Isaiah 61.1,2)