

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Wendy Davies

Organ Prelude

Te Deum - *M.-A. Charpentier*

Call to Worship

Creator God, you call us.

You declared, O Lord,

that our sons and daughters would prophecy;

the young will see visions,

while elders dream dreams.

Resurrected Christ, you guide us.

You have told us, Great God,

what is required:

to do justice, to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with You.

Holy, Holy, Holy Spirit, move us to action.

So that justice rolls like water

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Hymn 438

When Morning Gilds the Skies

(v.1 Eng; v.1,2 fr; v.4 Eng)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Response to Prayer

(sung)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Pardon

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

⌄ Downstairs/Upstairs

⊖ Rings & Upstairs/Downstairs (see back of hymn books)

The Adventure Centre begins.



New Questions of Faith: Believing

June 03, 2018

Welcome to St. Columba

We are so very pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We invite you to stay for refreshments (served in the sanctuary following the service) and look forward to meeting you in person.

Large print hymn books and Bibles are available in the foyer. (If you wish a receipt for your financial contribution, please use the envelope inside the back cover of the Book of Praise.)

Prayer for Illumination

Meet us, O God.

Where words fail us,

be present in the silence,

Where questions and fears paralyze us,

comfort us.

Where hope seems to fall flat,

help us to discern your wisdom,

through Christ,

Amen.

The Scriptures

Epistle

James 1: 17-20, 22-25

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Luke 18: 1-8

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Glory to God, glory to God,

glory in the highest.

Glory to God, glory to God,

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

812

Hymn 709

What Does the Lord Require of You

Sermon

New Questions of Faith

Part I: *Believing*

THE WORD MADE VISIBLE

Invitation

Piano Offertory

Danza Impromptu - R. Touzet

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn 530

I Come with Joy

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God,

you commanded light to shine out of darkness,

created the vast universe and called it good.

You made us in your image,

calling us to live together in love.

By your design, O God,

we are a rich tapestry of colours and hues,

united in our diversity.

We come to the table

with the full expression of ourselves:

in pain and sorrow, with questions and fear,

in hope and peace, with joy and love.

Feed us with the bread of heaven

and quench our thirst.

God of all nations, where geography is boundless,

from ponds to rivers, from lakes to oceans,

from countries to continents,

gather your peoples

so that we might embrace our difference,

and celebrate our cultures and customs.

Across this vast world,

we are your people and you are our God.

In the fullness of time,

out of your great love for the world,

you sent your only Son to be one of us,

to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

Through him,

the blind saw light, the disabled leaped for joy,

and those who were locked

in the prison of their fears

were given the freedom to love...

Provider God –

You give us sustenance for the journey ahead.

Pour out the blessing of your Holy Spirit

on this bread, on this cup, and on all of us.

Transform this meal

into your abiding presence in our lives,

that we, like Jesus,

might have a servant's heart full of love. Amen.

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.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Wine
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,
we give thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
By the work of your Spirit,
may we continually offer ourselves
in work and witness to share your amazing grace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENT FORTH

Community-in-Action

Hymn 688 *As Water to the Thirsty*

Benediction

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.
Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Organ Postlude *Rondeau - J. Mouret*

COMMUNITY-IN-ACTION

Meeting of the General Assembly

Please keep the work of the General Assembly (the National meeting of the Presbyterian Church in Canada) in your prayers, as they are meeting in Waterloo, Ontario, June 3-6. Sarah Dupont from St. Columba is an elder commissioner this year.

Help Support Our Youth

On **Sunday, June 10** after church, there will be special refreshments hosted by Charlotte Adams, Isaac Adams, and Sarah Dupont, who are attending *Canada Youth*, a national Presbyterian Youth event at Brock University in St Catherine's, Ontario, July 2-7. You are invited to make a donation to support their trip. Sarah, Charlotte and Isaac will be commissioned on June 17.

Summer at St. Columba

June 17 will be the last Sunday in the Adventure Centre, as well as the last regular worship service before the change to summer. Plan to stay for sundaes after church! Children and youth continue to be welcome in worship throughout the summer months. There will be children's bulletins and storybooks available.

June Cancellation

Our **Friday luncheon (June 8th)** has been cancelled due to the road construction.

Maywood Lunch

The next luncheon is on **June 11** from **11h15-13h15**. Cynthia needs a confirmation ahead of time if people will be preparing any food so that she can plan accordingly. Here is a list of what is needed: sandwiches (2 - 3 dozen), cookies/squares, salads, a cheese platter, a veggie platter and fruit. Items can be brought to church on June 10 or Cynthia will arrange for food to be picked up. Please call Cynthia at 514-241-6346 if you can help in any way.

Summer Worship

Share your journey with us in the summer! The theme is - *Your journey and growth at St Columba*. If you didn't grow up here, what brought you to worship and to participate in the life of St Columba? Whether you came recently or a long time ago, what have you learned along the way? How has the Spirit strengthened you, or the community encouraged you? If your reflection is short, we'd be glad to put a few together, or if you are shy to speak, someone else could read your reflection. Thanks for considering sharing your gifts and your story! Sundays available are June 24, July 29 and August 26.

Children and Youth Coordinator

The search for a Children and Youth Coordinator is in progress! Position description and details are available on the St. Columba website and Facebook page, and hard copies are in the narthex. Please forward and share!

Deadline to apply is June 8. Speak to Tom Gardner (chair of search committee) or Lara if you have questions.

Writing Prayers & Experiencing Worship

There will be a workshop on writing prayers and experiencing worship offered in June. At St Columba, we thrive on different voices and perspectives offering prayers and leadership in worship. If you have never been a worship lay leader and are interested in learning more, or if you simply want to learn more about why we worship and pray the way we do, join us for two gatherings in June (dates TBA). Please speak to Lara for more info.

New FundScrip Promoter Needed

We are looking for someone to act as our FundScrip promotor, succeeding Rose-May, who enthusiastically has brought us this far. The FundScrip process is not onerous and whoever takes on the role will make a positive contribution to St. Columba. Please speak to Rose-May or Ian MacDonald.

Mont Tremblant Fall Retreat

St. Columbans will return to the slope-side setting of Mont Tremblant for the weekend of **September 14-16**. Write the date on your calendar and join St Columbans for a fun-filled, meaningful weekend with time for study, reflection and fun. All ages are welcome.

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

a national church fund providing aid for relief and development in the Developing World.

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 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 encouraging people to "Venture Out Beyond Our Cancer" by giving opportunities for respite from the stress of treatments.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today

10h00 - Worship

Friday, June 08

09h00 - St. Columba Crafters

10h30-15h00: Window Marché

Sunday, June 10

10h00 - Worship

11h00 - Refreshments served in support of
Canada Youth event

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)