

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Jennifer Kendall-Dupont

Piano Prelude For the Beauty of the Earth
- K. D. Renfrow

Call to Worship

The Spirit of God calls to us

with sighs too deep for words.

The Spirit of God calls to us

claiming us,

summoning us to become more than we now are,

calling us by name: God's children.

Hymn

She Flies On

Refrain: She comes sailing on the wind,

her wings flashing in the sun;

on a journey just begun, she flies on.

In the passage of her flight,

her song rings out through the night;

full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.

And then from the heart of God

the Spirit moved upon the earth,

like a mother breathing life into her child. **R**

Many were the dreamers

whose blind eyes were given sight.

When the Spirit filled their dreams

with life and form.

Lifeless deserts turned to gardens,

broken hearts found new delight,

and then down the countless years still she flew on. **R**

After the deep darkness

that fell quickly on the world.

After dawn returned in flame of rising sun,

then the Spirit touched the earth again,

again her wing unfurled,

bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. **R**

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Spirit of holiness and life,

be within our community as we worship.

Search within us for sighs too deep for words,

so we may share our hopes and fears with you.

Holy God, you receive us as we are.

You show us what we can be.

You have come in Jesus to share our common lot,

and to reconcile us to yourself.

Sweep over us with your Spirit,

change us by your love,

that we may sing with joy before you,

and live to your glory in the world. Amen.



Growing in Faith

May 20, 2018

Response to Prayer (sung)
**Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
 make us one in heart and mind; make us one in love:
 humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
 Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

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.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination
**Guide us, O God,
 by your word and spirit,
 that in your word we may find light,
 in your truth, find freedom,
 and in your ways discover our peace. Amen.**

The Scriptures
 Gospel Matthew 13: 31-35, 44-46
This is the gospel of the Lord.
**Glory to God, glory to God, 812
 glory in the highest.
 Glory to God, glory to God,
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!**
 Epistle Romans 8: 26-39
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 667 *God, You Touch the Earth with Beauty*

Sermon *Growing in Faith*

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.)

Litany

*Like faithful followers before us,
 we journey into unknown territory,
 we wait for your Spirit, O God.*
*As we grow and change,
 as we learn more about the beauty of community,
 we discover your Spirit, O God.*
*As we see the goodness of creation,
 as we know the kindness of a neighbour,
 as we find your light in the darkness,
 we discover your Spirit, O God.*
*Open our eyes and our ears and our hearts
 to your presence.*
**Come, Holy Spirit,
 bring new life to our world.**
 Give us courage to grow,
 so others may know your love,
 and your community may be strengthened
 here and beyond.
Come, Holy Spirit, bring new life to our world.

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

Invitation

Piano Offertory God Causes All Things to Grow
 - S. Chapman / S. Green

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn 434 (vv.1,2) *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Prayers of the People
We pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

**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 **412** *Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord Our Song*

Benediction

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Organ Postlude

March - *G. F. Handel*

COMMUNITY-IN-ACTION

Take Note

Lara will be away on study leave from May 21-27, as she attends the Festival of the Homiletics, 'Preaching and Politics' in Washington, D.C. Dale Woods will be leading worship on May 27. Laura is back in the office on Tuesday.

Next Session Meeting

Session will meet on **Thursday, May 31** at **19h00**.

First Fridays Update

Please take note that **First Fridays in June has been cancelled**. The Food Ministry would like to thank all those who volunteered their time this year to help make these community evenings such a success.

Those Free for Lunch on Fridays

Join us at the next Friday luncheon on **June 8** at **12h30**. Please contact Pat Gerard (514-695-1721) if you plan on attending. A donation of \$8.00 is suggested for the lunch.

Children and Youth Coordinator

The search for a Children and Youth Coordinator has begun! Position description and details is 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.

Summer Worship

Share your journey with us in the summer! At St Columba, there is a tradition of people in the congregation speaking during the reflection/ sermon time when the pastor is away (the rest of the service will be led by a worship leader). Maybe that person is you! This year, 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, or you grew up here, 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 22, 29 and August 26.

Writing Prayers & Experiencing Worship

There will be a workshop on writing prayers and experiencing worship offered this spring. 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 at the end of May and beginning of 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.

Road Construction

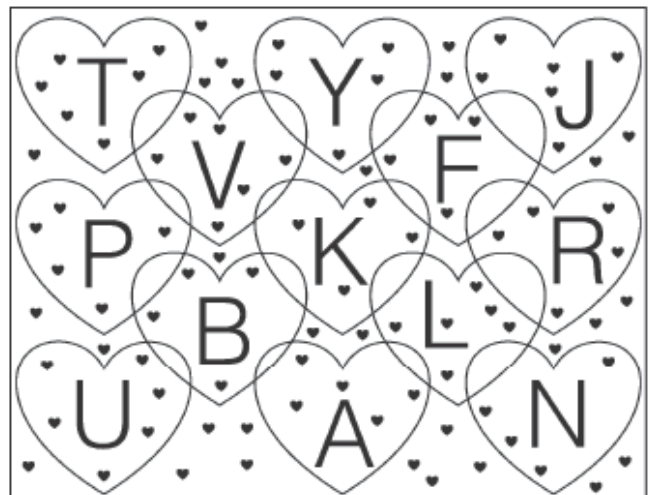
Construction on the roads around the church (Rodney and Vincennes) will take place during the spring and summer. You will receive updates in News from the Pews and in worship. Please speak to Dave George if you have questions. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Kid's Page

When God is With Us

What does the Spirit help us to do?

Find the hearts with the 5 ♥s and unscramble the letters from those hearts on the lines below to make a word.



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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, May 25

09h00 - St. Columba Crafters

10h30-15h00: Window Marché

Sunday, May 27

10h00 - Worship: Guest Speaker- Rev. Dale Woods

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)