



The Mystery of Faith

May 27, 2018

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Clare Reid

Organ Prelude

Come Holy Spirit - J. B. Dykes

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 307 *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*

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.

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.

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.)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

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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

Prophet Isaiah 6: 1-8
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Book of Psalms Psalm 29 (R1)

Gospel John 3: 1-17
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!**

Hymn 371 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Sermon *The Mystery of Faith*

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

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Invitation

Piano Offertory May Starry Nights - P. I. Tchaikovsky

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn 434 (vv.3,4) *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.**

SENT FORTH

Community-in-Action

Hymn 324 (vv.1,2) *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Benediction

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

Organ Postlude

*Rejoice, Pilgrim Throng
- arr. M. Burkhardt*

With Gratitude

We thank the Rev. Dr. Dale Woods for leading us in worship this morning. Dale is the Principal of the Presbyterian College in Montreal.

Next Session Meeting

Session will meet this **Thursday at 19h00**.

June Cancellations

Please take note that **First Fridays (June 1st)** and our **Friday luncheon (June 8th)** have both 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! At St Columba, there is a tradition of people in the congregation speaking during the reflection/ sermon time when the pastor is away. 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, 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.

Children and Youth Coordinator

The search for a Children and Youth Coordinator is in progress! 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.

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.

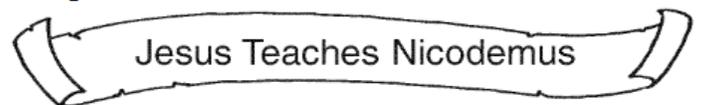
Road Construction

Construction on the roads around the church (Rodney and Vincennes) will take place throughout the 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.

Mont Tremblant Fall Retreat

St. Columbans will return to the slope-side setting of Mont Tremblant for the weekend of **September 14-16**. More information to come, but 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.

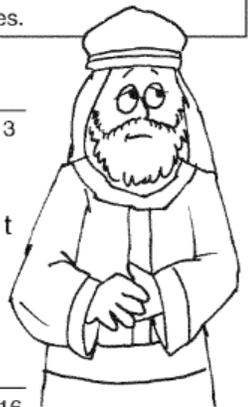
Kid's Page



A man came to Jesus by night. He wanted to talk with Jesus and ask Him some questions. Who was he?

Write words that fit the definitions.
Transfer the letters to the appropriate boxes.

- a sound that combines notes and rhythms
- kind and thoughtful
- where we feel love and other emotions
- look with your eyes
- not young
- the cost of something



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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: Guest Speaker- Rev. Dale Woods

Thursday, May 31

19h00 - Session

Friday, June 01

09h00 - St. Columba Crafters

10h30-15h00: Window Marché

Sunday, June 03

10h00 - Worship

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)