

CALLED TO WORSHIP

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Organ Prelude Sing a New Church - arr. E. Englert

Call to Worship

This is a new day filled with fresh possibilities,

we gather to participate

in the new things God is doing.

Old ways and tired routines are left behind.

**Our God comes to us in new and unexpected ways
and refreshes all who join in the adventure.**

Let us explore together the wonders of God!

Hymn

Let Us Build a House' (see panel 6)

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

**Loving God, the one who searches for us always,
find our fears and hold us in the darkness.**

Find our sorrows and comfort us in the light.

Find our anger and soothe us in your embrace.

Find our joy and dance with us to the song.

**God of mercy, we admit that we wonder
about the gift of your grace.**

**We resist receiving your searching love,
and think we need to earn it.**

**At times, we resent second chances offered to others,
or free gifts received.**

Forgive us, and help us

**to fully accept your love for ourselves
and affirm your love for others,
through Christ, Amen.**

Response to Prayer

400 (v.2)

Open our hearts, open our minds.

Open our lives to you, O loving God.

Ouvre nos coeurs, ouvre nos pensées;

Ouvre nos vies à toi, ô Dieu d'amour.

Ouvre nos coeurs.

Pardon

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



Grad Recognition

Song

Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord

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The Adventure Centre begins.



Grad Recognition

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

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Prayer for Illumination

Wise God,
enable your Word to speak in each heart,
that your ways may set us free,
your stories inspire us for justice,
and your presence fill us with joy,
through Christ, Amen.

The Scriptures

Prophet Isaiah 43:18-21

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Luke 15:1-10

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Hallelujah! (sung) 532

Hymn 348 (vv.1-4) *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

Sermon *Lost, Found and Party!*

Litany

Divine Spirit,
force of all that is good in creation,
sparkling in the waterfall, running with the deer,
and author of a billion stars,
we praise you and adore you.

Divine Spirit,
ever-present within us,
a strength in years gone by,
ever with us in the years that lie ahead,
we praise you and adore you.

Divine Spirit,
source of faith community, calling us to service,
binding us together in love,
we honour you and we praise you.

Divine Spirit,
supporter and confidante,
giver of joy in the every day,
we praise you and adore you.
Searching God,
You find us when we are lost,
in our uncertainty and in our unexpected grief.

For helping us
to see new possibilities by your grace,
we give you thanks and praise.

Prayers of the People

We pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

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Invitation

Offertory Give Me a Clean Heart - *M. Douroux*
(Monique Caissie, solo)

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn 763 *To Show by Touch and Word*
(vv.1, 2)

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.

SENT FORTH

Hymn 403 (vv.2,4,5) *She Comes Sailing on the Wind*²
(See panel 6)

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 *The Heavens Rejoice - B. Miller*

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.)

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This Morning

This morning we recognize & congratulate our recent High School and Cegep graduates!

Kailey Prentice, daughter of Liz & Mike Prentice and niece of Doreen & Ian Edwards, graduated from Lindsay Place High School and is attending John Abbott College.

Natalie Dupont, daughter of Stéphane Dupont & Jennifer Kendall-Dupont, graduated from Vanier College in Honours Health Sciences, and is at Concordia University in Biology with a specialization in Ecology.

Madison Ticehurst, daughter of Sandy Steadman & Tim Ticehurst, granddaughter of Bob Steadman, Rupert & Brenda Ticehurst, graduated from Business at John Abbott College, and now attends Concordia University in the John Molson School of Business.

Please join us after worship for some special refreshments and to congratulate our recent grads!

Hurricane Dorian Relief through PWS&D

Hurricane Dorian struck the Bahamas in early September as a powerful category 5 hurricane. PWS&D is accepting donations to help with relief and rehabilitation to meet the most pressing humanitarian needs. You can make a donation to PWS&D through St Columba (cheques to St. Columba, with subject line *PWS&D: Hurricane Dorian*) or online at werespond.ca

St. Columba Fall Retreat

Please see Cheryl after worship this morning to confirm your attendance & pay. Please note that **there will be worship at St. Columba on Sept 22**, led by Clara Maranzano but **there will be no Adventure Centre**.

Session

The next Session meeting will be on **Sept. 26 at 7 pm**.

Window Marché

Please note that the Window Marché will re-open on **Friday, Sept.27 from 10:30 am -1:30 pm**.

Ride for Refuge – Saturday, October 5th

Please consider giving a pledge to a member of our team after church this morning: Rose-May Domond, Marc-Olivier, Emile-Henri, Ian MacDonald, Birgit Ritzhaupt and Lara Scholey. You can also sponsor a team member by logging onto rideforrefuge.org/montreal and search for team ARM2019. If you would like to ride with us speak with Rose-May or Birgit. Thanks for your support!

Monthly Video Series

St. Columba will be holding a monthly video series, entitled *Big Questions*. You are invited to the first discussion, *What is the Bible?*, on **Wednesday, October 9** (12:30 or 7 pm), as we take a step back and reflect on our faith.

Christian Action Chrétienne

Please help CAC by stocking up their shelves with some non-perishable food items to help those in need.

Let Us Build a House

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome
all are welcome in this place.

She Comes Sailing on the Wind

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.

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**

Flying to the river, she waited circling high
above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water,
she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace. **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 wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. **R**

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

10 am - Worship, Grad Recognition & AAAC begins!

Monday, September 16

11:15 am - 1:15 pm – Maywood Luncheon

Friday, Sept. 20 – Sunday, Sept. 22

Congregational Retreat at Mont Tremblant

Sunday, September 22

10 am - Worship: Guest Speaker, Clara Maranzano

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)