

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Piano Prelude

Faith, Hope and Morning
- F. Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

*The sun struggles to warm the air,
to light the sky, to reveal colour.*

**We come in joy to worship,
for the Son is our promise
of life transformed.**

*The soil has sipped on the melted snow of winter,
preparing the soil for new growth.*

**We come seeking new life together,
trusting that the Spirit will always lead.**

Hymn 814

Morning has Broken

Introduction to Prayer ¹

(sung)

**Open our hearts, open our minds.
Open our lives to you, O loving God.
Ouvre nos cœurs, ouvre nos pensées;
Ouvre nos vies à toi, ô Dieu d'amour.
Ouvre nos cœurs.**

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

**God, you are the source of all life.
Gather us together.
Form us into a holy community of your people,
filled with the Holy Spirit.
Strengthen us by your peace,
and make us bold to hope for new beginnings.
Saviour of new life,
forgive us when fear makes us turn inward.
We admit that at times
we ignore the new life around us.
We deny ourselves the nourishment
of people's care and conversation.
Free us, God of mercy,
and help us to begin again, Amen.**

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.



Hope and Hospitality

April 08, 2018

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

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Prayer for Illumination

Joyful God,
may we hear new life and possibility
through words and stories.
May the word we need to hear
leap in our hearts, and transform us,
today and in the days to come,
through Christ, Amen.

The Scriptures

Epistle Acts 16.6-15
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Luke 24.13-35
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Hallelujah! (sung) 532

Anthem They Set Out on Their Homeward Road
- F. Kaan/ N. Cocker

Sermon *Hope and Hospitality*

Hymn 262 *Come to Us, Beloved Stranger*

Litany

For the life of Jesus,
which brings us to new life.
We give thanks,
and look for new life around us.
For the death of Jesus,
which shatters the power of death,
We give thanks,
and look for ways
to be present in moments of loss.

For the resurrection of Jesus,
which brings hope in all things,
We give thanks,
and we dare to hope for a more loving community,
and a fairer world.

For the life of the church,
moving us to acts of courage and compassion.
In the power of the risen Christ,
who teaches us about life, death, hope and new life,
we reach out to serve.

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

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Invitation

Piano Offertory Just a Closer Walk with Thee
- arr. B. Edstrom

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn 663 v.2 (tune 410)
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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 259 (vv.1, 3) *This Joyful Eastertide*

Benediction

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

Piano Postlude My Lord, What a Morning
- arr. H. Burleigh

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.)

Children and Youth Coordinator

The search for a Children and Youth Coordinator at St Columba is beginning soon! The position description is complete and a search committee is being formed. Thanks for your patience and your prayers as we look for a leader to equip our children and youth for a life of faith. If you have any questions, please speak to Lara.

Maywood Luncheon

The next luncheon takes place **tomorrow** from **11h15 - 13h15**. If you can volunteer some time to help at the luncheon, please contact Cynthia Homan at cynthiahoman@gmail.com or 514-695-5451.

Marché Potluck

Wendy and Jennifer would like to invite you to a post Marché 2017/pre Marché 2018 potluck supper this **Tuesday, April 17** at **18h00** at the home of Wendy and Paul, 140 Arrowhead Crescent in Pointe-Claire (514-694-2675). Bring a dish to share and feel free to bring a friend. Coffee, tea and tisanes will be provided but feel free to BYOB. Also, please bring any spare empty Mason jars you may have - all sizes (125 mL - 1 L) gratefully accepted.

Dix Mille Villages

St. Columba will be hosting the Annual General Meeting of Dix Mille Villages on **Wednesday, April 24, 19h30 - 21h00**.

St. Columba Concert: "Pride and the Maiden"

Step back in time to Spain and delight in the beauty of baroque masterpieces on **Saturday, April 28** at **19h30**. A joyous blend of Italian, Neapolitan and Spanish gems await you, featuring David Menzies (tenor), Madeleine Owen (baroque guitar and theorbo) and Dmitry Babich (cello). www.trioponte.com. 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.

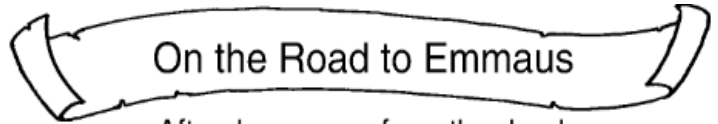
WIWC Event

The West Island Women's Centre is holding a Spring Bazaar on **Saturday, April 28** from **09h00 - 13h00** at St. Columba (Parking lot entrance on Vincennes Ave.). A fun, family-friendly event! New and new-to-you items and toys, baked goods, refreshments, and more!

Save the Date

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



After Jesus rose from the dead, 2 of His followers were going to a village called Emmaus. What happened along the way?

Lead the followers through the maze to Emmaus and read the words along the correct path.

START

	As	with	earth	gathered	
	went	walked		each	The
				worked	When
		they		but	laborers
	storm	thirsty			money
	Himself	found	other,	also	they
			them;	wind	morning
	Jesus	owner's		earth	path
	to	angry	the	go	were
	among	trees	robbed	away.	with
				the	happy
	came		fish		along
shepherd	sun		up	strolled	rocks
			and	worked	lost
	sandal			walked	rain
					kept
				us	
		birds	ruined		and
As	recognizing	lame	mountain		from
				Him.	the

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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

Monday, April 16

11h15-13h15: Maywood Lunch

Tuesday, April 17

18h00 - Marché Potluck

Friday, April 20

09h00 - St. Columba Crafters

10h30-15h00: Window Marché

Sunday, April 22

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)