

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Pastorales - J. S. Bach/ L. Vierne

Call to Worship

*Sisters and brothers,
as we gather in the welcome of God's love,
as we gather in the joy of unity in Christ,
as we gather in the power of the Spirit,
let us listen for the voice of God.*

**Let us worship God,
who has spoken
and still speaks to those
who attend to the roar or the whisper
of the Holy One!**

Hymn 592

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Introduction to Prayer ¹

(sung)

**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 cœurs.**

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

**Loving God,
with great gentleness and care,
you call us to be your people
and to do your work.
We need your love,
transforming our lives in hope.
Creator God,
you have blessed us
with the purest water, the richest soil,
and life giving sunlight.**

**We confess that we have allowed
nature's abundance to be abused.**

**We don't always do our part
to preserve your creation.**

**Open our eyes
to see you in the world around us.
Help us to be better stewards of the earth,
through Christ, 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.



The Shepherd's Voice

April 22, 2018

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

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Prayer for Illumination

**Gather us now, Living Word,
and prepare us to hear your voice.
Shepherd and guide,
may we discern you calling us
to love and serve
through Christ, Amen.**

The Scriptures

Epistle Acts 2:42-47

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel John 10:1-10

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Hallelujah! (sung) 532

Hymn 691 *My Shepherd is the King of Love*

Sermon *The Shepherd's Voice*

Litany

Hallelujah!

Sing praise to God everywhere!

Let praise fill the whole cosmos!

Praise God, all races and nations on earth.

Praise God, all children of the distant stars.

Praise God, sun, moon and the planets.

Sing praise, suns, solar winds and comets.

Praise God, super-nova and spiral nebula.

Sing praise, black holes and cosmic mysteries.

Praise God, beaver, elk and black bear.

Sing praise, sparrows, ducks and Canada geese.

Praise God, maple trees, cedars and mountain ash.

Sing praise, willows, ferns and prickly rose.

Praise God, jumbo jet and space shuttle.

Sing praise, pilot, navigator and astronaut.

Praise God, farmer, baker and cashier.

Sing praise, midwives, doctors and pharmacists.

Praise God, all microscopic wonders.

Sing praise, cells, chromosomes and genes.

Praise God, atoms, electrons and quarks.

Sing praise, microchips and microsurgery.

Praise God, judge, indigenous elder, and politician.

Sing praise, painter, musician and comedian.

Praise God, synagogues, mosques and cathedrals.

Sing praise, rabbi, pastor and imam.

Let everything praise the goodness of the Creator.

Sing praises to God everywhere!

Hallelujah!

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

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Invitation

Piano Offertory Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
- arr. T. Fettke

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn 663 v.3 (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 671 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Benediction

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Piano Postlude

Country Dance - E. Granados

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.)

Happy Earth Day!

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.

All Ages Worship

On **May 13**, we will celebrate Pentecost and Christian Family Sunday with a worship service for all ages.

Dix Mille Villages

St. Columba will be hosting the Annual General Meeting of Dix Mille Villages on **Tuesday, 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 next **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.

First Fridays: Seeds – the Promise of Spring

All ages, young and old, are invited to our "seedy" supper on Friday May 4th. We begin at 17h30 with snacks and sensational spring seed activities for the kids. Supper is served around 18h30. It is BYOB with juice, water, coffee and vegetarian options always available. The suggested donation is \$8 per adult, but give what you can. So come celebrate the promise held in spring seeds.

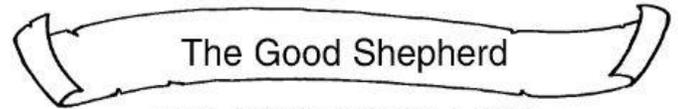
Action Réfugiés Montréal Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Action Réfugiés will take place on **Wednesday, May 16** from **18h00-20h00** at St. Jax Montréal (Shatford Hall), 1439 Ste. Catherine St. O.

Save the Date

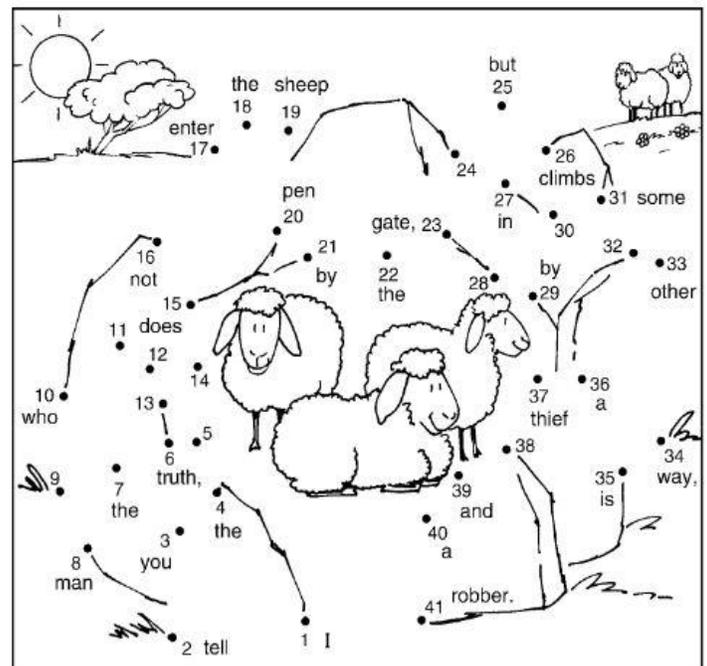
St. Columbans will return to the slope-side setting of Mont Tremblant for the weekend of **September 14-16**. More information to come, but write the date on your calendar and join St Columbans for a fun-filled, meaningful weekend with time for study, reflection and fun. All ages are welcome.

Kid's Page



Jesus told His followers a story.

Connect the dots and read part of the story.



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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

Tuesday, April 24

19h30 - AGM for Dix Mille Villages

Thursday, April 26

19h00 - Session

Friday, April 27

09h00 - St. Columba Crafters

10h30-15h00: Window Marché

Saturday, April 28

19h30 - St. Columba Concert

Sunday, April 29

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)