

## Announcements

**The Congregation extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Julie Foster who passed away last week and also to Tony & Susan Perry and family on the death of Susan's mother. Please keep in your prayers, all those that are mourning a loss at this time.**

PWS&D is in contact with our partners in Haiti. They are located in areas away from the epicentre of the earthquake, where the main damage occurred. Some are assisting with first aid medical assistance. We are planning to respond through partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance.

ACT Alliance is currently monitoring the situation and is supporting local partners to carry out rapid needs assessments in affected areas. Emergency teams are preparing to deploy.

Accessing health care is a challenge, as many health facilities were already struggling to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**The Government of Canada has announced that they will match donations, up to \$2 million, raised through members of the Humanitarian Coalition.\* Donations made between August 16 and September 3 are eligible to be matched.**

**If you would like to donate, you can do so online or by leaving a donation in the offering with the title, "Haiti".**

### **Hearing God's Call**

Joshua Su, a lay missionary at the Taiwanese Robert Campbell Presbyterian Church in Montreal, Quebec, saw a need on Montreal's south shore for Christian community and worship among Mandarin-speaking people. With the support of the congregation and Cyclical PCC, Joshua was able to start a network of small groups that meet in homes for fellowship, discussion and prayer. One of the goals of this new and growing worshipping community is to equip leaders to work alongside Joshua as they start new intergenerational discipleship groups. Following in the Apostle Paul's footsteps, leaders within this ministry are hearing God's call to share the gospel in the world.

We pray for the Rev. David Mang, Joshua Su and for the new worshipping communities growing in the Presbytery of Montreal in Quebec.

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*“to know, love and serve God wherever we are and  
to inspire others to do the same  
by our thoughts, words and deeds”*

*SPC Mission Statement*

## Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

We gather as people on a journey.

**We believe & we have doubts, we do good & we sin.**

**We are imperfect humans, and still beloved by God.**

Love and grace. Hope and faith.

These are the essence of the one we call God.

**We seek forgiveness & grace from our God and from those we've harmed.**

Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again.

**We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path.**

Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here.

Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!

**Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions. Amen.**

Hymn: **#434 For the beauty of the earth**

Opening Prayers

*Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.*

Assurance of God's Love

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Hymn: **#773 Jesus bids us shine**

## Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

♪ **Open our hearts, open our minds.** ♪

**Open our lives to you, O loving God. Open our hearts.**

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-23

Living Faith 9.1 (responsive)

Ministry of Music: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Message: "Our Ever-Expanding Understanding of Mission"

Hymn: **#763 To show by touch and word**

## Our Response to God's Word

Offering

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God all creature high and low**

**Praise God in Jesus fully known**

**Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

Pastoral Prayer

♪ **Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.** ♪

**Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

Hymn: **#587 Called as partners in Christ's service**

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk With Me**

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As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following thoughts...

*"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."  
~ Mother Teresa "*

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."  
~ Margaret Mead*

*"Mission is the permanent obligation of God's church. Mission is aimed theologically toward God's ultimate reign in righteousness and glory, and the gathering of God's household in which every creature will be reconciled and glorified."*

*~ Glory E. Dharmaraj & Jacob Dharmaraj  
(Mutuality in Mission: A Theological Principle for the Twenty-First Century)*



**Scripture Reading:** John 20:19-23 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

**Responsive Reading:** Living faith 9.1

- 9.1.1 As God sent Christ to us,  
so Christ sends us into the world.  
**We are here to proclaim Christ in word and deed.**
- 9.1.2 Mission is evangelism,  
**the offer of salvation to all people  
in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
to be received through faith in Christ.**
- It asks people to repent of their sins,  
**to trust Christ,  
to be baptized,  
and to enter a life honouring Jesus as Lord.**
- 9.1.3 Mission is service,  
**a call to help people in need and  
to permeate all of life with the compassion of God.**