

Montague Pastoral Charge

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Hillcrest United Church

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4th Sunday after Epiphany



*Bulletins are in loving memory of
Cyrus Shaw*

By Kent, Sandra, Anne and Families

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(*please stand)

We Gather as God's People

Prelude "Come, Thou Almighty King" Giardini/Berry
"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Tune: Martyn arr. Lorenz
"Ode to Music" G. f. Handel arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

Welcome & Acknowledgement

Introit "Like A Rock" MV # 92 led by Youth Choir
Please join us singing and doing the actions.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Candlelighter: Ashlyn MacDonald

Call to Worship

God calls us to seek justice:

Let God's love for the poor and hungry fill the earth.

God calls us to show kindness,

Let Christ's light shine in places of brokenness and despair.

God calls us to walk humbly in the Spirit,

Let us join in the work of the kingdom with humility.

Called, blessed and inspired, let us worship God together.

***Opening Hymn VU # 703**

"In The Bulb There Is a Flower"

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

God of wisdom and blessing, out of cold we come into the warmth of your presence. Here we find shelter in the strength of your promises; here we find welcome in your tender care. Grateful for the protection you provide, thankful for the comfort of your community, we offer our praises today. Transform the poverty of our spirits by the richness of your grace, so that we may know our blessing, and share that blessing with others, in Jesus' name. And as he taught us to pray, we say: **Our**

Father..... Amen. (VU #921)

Youth Choir Anthem (by Ruth Elaine Schram)

“Train Me Up in the Way I Should Go”

***Children’s Hymn** – Please join us in vs 5 & 6

“Peter, James and John in a Sailboat”

- 1) Peter, James and John in a sailboat (3X)
Down by the deep, deep sea.
- 2) Fished all night and caught no fishes - -
- 3) Christ came walking down by the water -
- 4) Now their nets are full and breaking - - -
- 5) **Called their friends to come and help them - - -
down by the deep, deep sea.**
- 6) **Jesus calls us, “Come and follow.” - -
“Follow, follow me.”**

Children’s Time

Children’s Prayer

Good News

**We celebrate you, in all that you do,
We love you; God bless you. We celebrate you.**

(Children may go to Sunday School.)

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, your call is straightforward. You have told us what is good, and yet still we struggle to respond. You ask us to seek justice, yet still we wrong each other; you ask us to love kindness, yet still we undervalue compassion; you ask us to walk humbly with you, yet still we prefer to find our own path. Forgive us and reassure us of your guidance and love.

Words of Assurance

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Loving God, in the reading of Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Micah 6:1-8

Reader: Sandra MacDonald

Psalm 15 (VU #736)

Matthew 5:1-12

The Gloria Patri – *Music by Alan Coffin*

Senior Choir Anthem *“Nobody Knows The Trouble I’ve Seen” arr. Ruth Elaine Schram*

Sermon **“What the mountains heard”**

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn MV #12** *“Come Touch Our Hearts”*

(verses 1 to 4)

Minute for Mission

Reader: Hughie MacDonald

Invitation to Offering

***Offering Dedication** # 518 verse 3 (544)

With gratitude and humble trust

we bring our best to you.

Not just to serve your cause,

but share your love with neighbours too.

O God, who gave yourself to us

in Jesus Christ, your son.

Help us to give ourselves each day

until life's work is done.

Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Response: Lord, hear our prayer,
And in your love, answer

Life & Work of the Church

*Closing Hymn VU #512

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

*Benediction

*Closing Blessing VU # 223 (based on v. 1)

**Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise;
Your mercies are endless, and righteous your ways;
Your servants proclaim the renown of your name
Who loves everyone and is ever the same.**

Postlude “March in C Major” Purcell arr. Paxton

Life and Work of the Church

Office Hours are Mon. through Thurs. 9 a.m. to noon.

Clergy Visiting - Please let the office (838-2698) or Timothy (905-269-7381) know if anyone in hospital, long-term care or at home requires a visit or Pastoral Care.

STEWARDSHIP If you contribute using envelopes, please do not use last year’s envelopes, as your number may have changed. If you are currently using an old envelope, please write your name on it.

THANK-YOU/Good news!

-thank you to our Youth Choir for adding their special music today – we appreciate every note!

-thank you everyone who was able to vote in the Session elections

-thank you for your support for the Montague Food Bank
-thank you for all those involved in organizing, baking,
cooking, clean-up...of our Community Luncheon

This week at hillcrest

Wednesday

- **2-4 pm Bridge group** – New and experienced players welcome. For more information call Sandra at 388-8844

- **7 pm Senior Choir** invites YOU to join this great group! Call Anne 838-2681 or just come along.

Thursday

– **Men's Meditation Group** meets in the Schaffelburg Room at 9:30 for a time of contemplative conversation. All welcome.

Friday

– **Knitting Group** resumes in the Schaffelburg Room at 10:00 a.m. Everyone welcome with knitting, crocheting, other crafts, or just come for a visit

Sunday

- **Youth Choir Practice** – at 10:00. New youth are most welcome to join. Contact Anne 838-2681 or just join us!

Montague Pastoral Charge AGM will be held on Sunday Feb. 5 after church. Please mark these dates in your calendar and plan to attend with a bag lunch. All input is most welcome.

Upcoming at hillcrest

Hillcrest Annual Meeting will be held after church on Sunday February 12.

Wider community

Feb 10-11 - Free Prom Dress – Cornerstone Baptist Church will be hosting a Free Prom Dress Pop-Up Boutique – “Say

Yes to the Dress' - on Feb. 10-11 at MRHS. Fri 3:15-6:00 p.m./ Sat 10 a.m.-1 p.m.). This is for any students at Souris, Morell, or Montague High Schools.

Feb 25 – Coldest Night of the Year – Fundraiser for local charities tackling poverty and homelessness in PEI. Please consider donating to the “Three Rivers Churches” team to support Harvest House, Charlottetown, or join Timothy and the team and walk on Feb. 25. See <https://cnoy.org/location/charlottetown> for more details.

DID YOU KNOW

...that Melissa, David and Thane, members of our Green Team, were recently interviewed by a representative from Broadview, United Church of Canada’s magazine. The interview highlighted the many initiatives completed by Hillcrest which have significantly decreased our carbon footprint. Many of these initiatives were partially funded through a United Church of Canada program called Faithful Footprints. Watch your Broadview magazine for an article featuring this interview.

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.... anything else can be ordered**