

Montague Pastoral Charge

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Hillcrest United Church

Ministers: All of Us

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Grandmother Dorothy Moser

By Wendy, Dennis and Graham Watts

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(*please stand)

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude Piano – Organ Duets by Milton and Anne
“Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul”
by John W. Peterson
“Sun of My Soul” - adapted from Vienna, c. 1774

Introit VU # 87 – Refrain
“I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!”
If you follow and love you’ll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

Welcome & Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn VU # 264
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Lighting of the Christ Candle
Candlelighter: Ashlyn MacDonald
Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.”
May His light burn warmly within us, and shine
brightly out from us, for all the world to
recognise.

Call to Worship
You come with questions and doubts;
we are welcome here.
You come with concerns and anxieties;
we are welcome here.
You come as part of a searching faith community;
we are welcome here.
You come believing that God’s peace will be your
peace;
we are welcome here. Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Come and gather round in this holy time of song and prayer, word and silence.

Come and gather round, as we celebrate the spirit that is within and through us.

Come, Great Creator, and be with us in this time of community, in the name of Jesus our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying: **Our Father... Amen.**

Poem "What God Hath Promised"

Reader: Sherren MacKinnon

***Children's Hymn VU #343**

"I Love to Tell the Story" vv. 1&3

Children's Time

Children's Prayer

Dear God, help me to make the world a better place, by being kind to everyone in my family and to all my friends. If I am cheerful and thoughtful, others will notice and want to be better people also. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Holy One, to be about Your purpose in these strange times gives us joy. To be forgiven when we least deserve it brings us joy. To let go of vain, regretful things establishes our joy. Please forgive us for those things we have done both knowingly and unknowingly. Lead us to a place of doing only what we intend to do as followers of the way of

Jesus. Let our actions reflect Your place in our lives
as we work for a better world. Amen.

...moment of silence

Words of Assurance

Thanks be to God.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Acts 17:16-25 (NIV)

Reader: Melva O'Connor-Rafuse

Matthew 16:18, 18:20 (NIV)

The Gloria Patri – *Music by Alan Coffin*

Sermon “So, Where Are We Headed?”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Special Music “Heal the World” (Michael Jackson)

Solo: Andrea White (& Sara White)

Minute for Mission

Reader: Melva O'Connor-Rafuse

Invitation to Offering

***Offering Dedication** VU #537

**1. Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help You everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.**

**2. Because we love You and Your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as Your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.**

***Offering Prayer**

We are not powerless. We can do something. We have been called to make a difference, both here and around the world.

Let us then offer our gifts as one way to offer God's healing grace to a hurting world. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Life & Work of the Church

***Closing Hymn VU #332**

“The Church's One Foundation”

***Benediction**

Closing Response VU # 422 – verse 1

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

**REFRAIN: Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

We extend a warm welcome to guests visiting with us today.

Please join us for coffee after church.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Office Hours are Tues. through Thurs. 9 a.m. to noon, this week only.

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.

Puzzle Exchange – there are several beautiful puzzles on

our Puzzle Shelves by the offices. Please feel free to take one, leave one and/or borrow one.

Bulletin Memorials are available for July 9, 16, & 30, Aug 6 & 13.

Graduates - please pass along names, to the office, of family/friends who are graduating from schools, university, college, etc. Graduate recognition will be held in June.

Hillcrest Community Garden – If you like to work with the good earth to grow vegetables and flowers, garden plots of two sizes are available. For information and to reserve a plot, please call the office at 902-838-2698.

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST

Tuesday – Session meeting is at 7 pm

Wednesday

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

7 pm Senior Choir practise for our FEAST concert!

Thursday

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

Sunday

Youth Choir Practice – at 10:00

Food Bank Sunday

FEAST of MUSIC concert is back! After 3 years, our choirs are happy to entertain you! **7 pm Sunday, May 28th** Joyful Sound Community Choir, Hillcrest Senior & Youth Choirs & the Sibbick Sibling Singers will share some of their favourite songs plus there will be hymns to sing. Donations at the door – thank-you for spreading the word!

THANK YOU

- all who volunteered time, baking, plants and made purchases at the UCW Plant & Bake Sale
- thanks to all those who took the Food Safety course on Tues; our kitchens are in good hands

UPCOMING

Camp Abby applications for summer camp are available in the office or the two main doors. Camp Abby has a **WISH LIST** if anyone is able to make donations (food items, program supplies, general supplies and other) – they would be most welcome. The list is on the office door.

Covenanting Service between Ellen Locke, the Margate Pastoral Charge and the FSLDW Regional Council, Princetown United Church, Malpeque, on Sunday May 21 at 7 pm.

MPC Executive – meet at 7 pm on Tuesday May 30.

Joyful Sound Concerts - In 2020, A Joyful Sound community choir was preparing music around a celestial theme for our Spring concert. Then COVID brought us down to earth with a bang and the concert was cancelled. Three years later, we've dusted off this beautiful music and are soaring again! Please join us for our **Sun, Moon, and Stars** concert on June 3rd at 7 pm at Memorial United Church in Murray River or June 4th at 2 pm at the Souris Show Hall. Directed by Christie Beck, with Elizabeth Wisnicki on Piano and Violin accompaniment by Betty Wang. Admission by donation.

Coffee Break – A safe spaced to explore faith and spirituality with women of all ages & walks of life starting in October on Tuesday mornings. You're invited to pray for the launch of this ministry on May 28, 7pm at Montague Christian Church. Contact Linda Geurms (902-940-7371) for more information.

DID YOU KNOW

...that a team of pastoral charge members meets regularly with our student minister to support and encourage him on his journey with us as our minister. This committee is officially called 'Lay Supervised Ministry' and consists of Sherren MacKinnon, Hugh MacDonald, Corinne Ellsworth and Melissa Mullen.

STEWARDSHIP

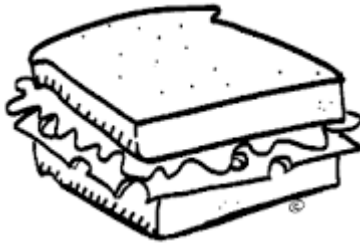
WISH LIST – Stewards and Trustees have made suggestions of items that folks could make donations to, if desired, for Hillcrest. The items suggested are:

- **a new lightweight vacuum cleaner (\$600),
- **a tree to replace the tree which was lost during Fiona,
- **cushions for the Pews (\$10 each),
- **some replacement furniture for the Schaffelburg Room,
- ** Standby Emergency Generator.

Thank-you for consideration of these items for our church.

COMPLIMENTARY COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Hillcrest United Church



THURSDAY - MAY 25

11:30-1:00 P.M.

ENJOY LUNCH, A GAME AND/OR A CHAT