

Montague Pastoral Charge

Sunday February 4, 2024

Hillcrest United Church

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Come to God For Comfort" arr. C. Berry
"Children of the Heavenly Father" arr. C. Berry
"Ave Maria" Bach/Gounod arr. E. A. Dicks

Introit VU # 400

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

Welcome & Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Candlelighter: Ashlyn MacDonald

Call to Worship

Have you not known?

**Yes! Even the young may fall exhausted, but we who
wait for the Lord will renew our strength!**

Have you not heard?

Yes! We shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Yes! We shall run and not be weary.

Have you not understood from the foundations of the
earth?

**Yes! We shall walk and not be faint, we who wait for
God.**

Come then, let us wait and worship.

Opening Hymn VU # 374

"Come and Find the Quiet Centre"

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Creator of all, day after day and night after night, the
heavens declare your glory. You are Holy Mystery, broader
and deeper than anything we could measure in this world
of time and space. When we consider the works of your

hands, our minds reach their limit, and we can only stop and wonder. And yet – wonder upon wonder! – you turn to us, humble creatures of clay. Turn to us again today, and teach us to know these mysteries, so that they may take root deep in our hearts. Now as our Saviour taught, we pray:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.

Children's Hymn VU # 361 "Small Things Count"

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

Tender and Radiant One, we confess:

Light has come into the world, but we love the darkness. Love has come into the world, but we continue to hate. Grace has come into the world, but we cannot forgive. Hope has come into the world, but we are surrounded by despair. New life has come into the world, but we are tired. Peace has come into the world, but conflict continues. Joy has come into the world, but we are sad.

...moment of silence

Judge us, O God, by your gracious love.

Forgive us , O God, and set us free. Amen.

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

O pure bright source of light, eternal God of truth and right: by your Spirit, dwell within us. By your Spirit, let us dwell in you. Pour out on us the quiet purity to hear, the calm purity to understand, the strong purity to act, according to your holy Word. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40:21-31 Reader: Carol Blum

Psalm 147, Part 1 (VU #868)

Mark 1:29-39

The Gloria Patri – *Music by Alan Coffin*

**Glorify be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is
now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.**

Senior Choir Anthem “What God Can Do!”

by Nancy Price & Don Besig. Duet by Sandra and Anna.

Sermon “All the fire-folk sitting in the air”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn MV #154 “Deep in Our Hearts”

Minute for Mission Reader: Mary Martin

Invitation to Offering

Offering Dedication based on VU # 299

**Teach me, God, to serve you as I live my days,
Share with others in so many ways,
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.**

Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Life & Work of the Church

Closing Hymn VU # 660 “How Firm a Foundation”

Benediction

Closing Blessing VU # 421 verse 3

Lead on, O God of freedom,
and guide us on our way,
And help us trust the promise
through struggle and delay.
We pray our sons and daughters
may journey to that land
Where justice dwells with mercy,
and love is law’s demand.

Postlude “March for St. Cecilia’s Day” Handel/Lorenz

*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 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.

Puzzle Exchange – there are a number of beautiful puzzles on our Puzzle Shelves by the offices. Please feel free to take one, leave one and/or borrow one.

Save your Stamps – bring in your used stamps – they are sent to “Effect Hope” which is the Leprosy Mission Canada.

Lost and Found – please check the ‘lost and found’ box at the front of the church for your hats, mitts, gloves, water bottles.

THANK-YOU/GOOD NEWS

-thank you to Helen Lockerby for all her extra time and efforts helping prepare the AGM report for today’s meeting

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 Shaffelburg Room at 9:30 for a time of contemplative conversation. All welcome.

Friday

Knitting/Craft Group – all welcome with your knitting, crocheting, sewing or other crafts at 10:00 or just come along for some friendship, coffee and conversation.

Sunday

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

Hillcrest Annual Meeting – immediately following church on February 11

UPCOMING AT HILLCREST

Hillcrest Book Club meets 10 am on Wednesday, Feb 21st as we discuss this month's read "The Maid" by Nita Prose. Copies are available on the choir room table. All welcome!

