

**Montague Pastoral Charge**

**Sunday April 14 , 2024**

**Hillcrest United Church**

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*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*



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**George Matheson**

*From Mary Matheson and Family*



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**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Prelude** “He Leadeth Me” William Badbury arr. Stults  
“Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious” William Owen  
“Prelude in G Major” by C. S. Lang

**Introit** VU # 288 – verse 2 & Refrain

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest;**

**Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above**

**Join with all nature in manifold witness**

**To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

***REFRAIN: Great is thy faithfulness! (2X)***

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**

**All I have needed thy hand hath provided**

**Great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!**

**Welcome & Acknowledgement**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Candlelighter: Ashlyn MacDonald**

**Call to Worship**

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

To keep the faith of Easter is to set out on a journey.

**It is a journey of transformation, leading into a wonderful unknown.**

What we shall be has not yet been revealed.

**What we know is this: we are children of God.**

What we know is this: one day, we will see Christ as he is.

**What we know is this: one day, we will be like him.**

Praise to God, who is leading us on the way to resurrection!

**Opening Hymn VU #166 “*Joy Comes With the Dawn*”**

**Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

God of grace and glory, by the death and resurrection of your Beloved Child, your reign of wholeness has been unleashed

within our bent and broken world. Open us to your empowering grace, so that we may be bearers of this world-redeeming love; through the risen Christ: our dignity, power, and peace, who taught us to 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 #356 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"**  
verse 1

**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.)*

**Passing the Peace**

**Children's Hymn "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" vv 2,3**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Forgive us, God, when doubts assail us, when we miss your whisper, we stray from the path, or we fail to see you in friend or stranger. Open our hearts and minds to the understanding of your word, and grant us a faith lived in the light of your risen life. Give us ears to hear you, eyes to see you, and feet to follow wherever you might lead. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### Prayer of Illumination

God, we long to hear your word, even though it challenges and surprises us. May the good news we hear today renew, refresh, and remake us in the image of Jesus, our risen Saviour. Amen.

### Scripture Readings

1 John 3:1-7

Reader: Melissa Mullen

Psalm 4 (VU #727)

Luke 24:36-48

### The Gloria Patri – *Music by Alan Coffin*

Glory 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 “We Have Come to Worship” Pethel

### Sermon “Who am I? How did I get here?”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### Hymn VU # 352 “*I Danced in the Morning*”

### Minute for Mission

Reader: Sandra Hicken

### Invitation to Offering

### Offering Dedication MV #171 – *Refrain & verse 4*

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.  
Here on this earth, yours is the work,  
To serve with the joy of compassion.

4) Through every gift, give back to those in need;

As Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,

With every gift a benediction be

to the people of God. (*Refrain*)

### Offering Prayer

### Pastoral Prayer

## Life & Work of the Church

Closing Hymn VU #258 “O World Of God”

### Benediction

Closing Blessing MV # 171 – Refrain & verse 3

**Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.  
Here on this earth, yours is the work,  
To serve with the joy of compassion.**

**1) No feet but yours to journey with the poor,  
To walk this world with mercy and justice,  
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace  
for the people of God. (Refrain)**

Postlude “A Festal Fanfare” J. S. Bach arr. B Thompson

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*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 – check out the beautiful puzzles on our Puzzle Shelves by the offices. Please feel free to take one, leave one and/or borrow one.

Lost & Found – the box is overflowing – please take a look to see if you have left something behind – it is probably there. It is located at the front of the church, pulpit side.

Bulletin Dedications are available for June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 28. Suggested donation is \$25.

Current Events Bulletin Board – check out the bulletin board at the front entrance way – stories from the paper about our members – Special Olympics, sports news, ‘Friendly Giant’ story

and much more.

**Fundscrip** – do not forget to purchase your shopping cards for your own personal grocery shopping, gas cards, etc. At least 2% of your purchases will be donated back to the church from Fundscrip. Any questions, ask Nancy.

**The Ways and Means Committee** is looking for your creativity! New members are needed to help imagine, plan, and assist with fundraising projects at Hillcrest.

### THANK-YOU/GOOD NEWS

-thank you to Ellen MacNearney and Anna Sukey who come to the church every Thursday morning to fold bulletins and prepare the bulletin packages for 35+ folks each week; thanks also to Carol Hicken, Mary Heather & Gordon, Mary Martin, and Timothy who deliver these bulletin packages each week

-bids are over and purchases have been made; so a heartfelt thank you to the UCW who had a most successful first time On-Line Auction; thanks to everyone who donated items, purchased items, and worked on this committee

### THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST

#### **Wednesday**

**10 am Hillcrest Book Club** meets to discuss “Pluck” by Donna Morrissey. With discussion and enjoyable snacks, this should be a great gathering. All are welcome.

**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.

#### **Sunday**

**Youth Choir Practice** – at 10:00. (Call/text Anne 838-2681)

## UPCOMING AT HILLCREST

**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.

**Sunday, April 28 at 2 pm** – Music Festival youth concert – all are welcome.

**Hillcrest Spaghetti Supper** – will be on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. Mark this on your calendar – more details to follow.

**Saturday afternoon, May 11** – Sarah Hagen, pianist, and friends will present an exciting musical recital – more details to follow.

**Hillcrest Annual Plant and Bake Sale** - will be held on **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. It's that time again to begin some plants indoors which we hope you will bring along to sell. Thank you for keeping this date in mind.

## OTHER

**Spring Fling Ceilidh** at the Lower Montague Women's Institute Hall, 88 Lower Montague Road, today at 2.00 pm. Admission by donation for the Hall Renovation Project. Biscuits and Jam, 50/50. Join talented musicians Marie MacIntyre, Barry Hogan, Harold Green, Lisa Holland, George Banks, Kevin Jesso & Kenny MacKinnon to welcome spring!

**G'ma Circle of PEI** – is having a Fabric and Yarn Sale on May 4, 2024 from 9-12 noon, at West River United Church Ministry Centre.

(Admission \$15 a bag minimum per person, bring your own bags). Donations of unused fabric, yarn, patterns, thread, needles, crafts supplies, etc. are welcome. These can be dropped off in the office and will be delivered to the committee. All proceeds going to the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.

**Trinity United Take-Out Roast Beef Dinner** - will be held on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> with pick up from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Sydney Street door at Trinity United Church, 220 Richmond St., Charlottetown, PE C1A 1J5. Menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, turnip, carrots, peas, Yorkshire pudding and lemon cake with cream cheese

icing for dessert.

Tickets are \$20.00 and must be purchased in advance. Please stop by in person, or call the church office 902-892-4114 or email [trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com) to inquire.

## STEWARDSHIP

### **FUNDSCRIP FUNDRAISER**

**Going for Groceries???** – drop into the office and purchase a gift card to pay for your groceries

(3% donation to Hillcrest)

**Need to fill the gas tank???** – get your gift card at the office first, then buy your gas

(2% donation to Hillcrest)

**Coffee Anyone???** Tim's offers 2%,

McDonalds 2.5%

And many more options for easy donations through Fundscrip. If you have any questions on this, please give Nancy a call.

