

Montague Pastoral Charge

Sunday April 21, 2024

Hillcrest United Church

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Earth Sunday



Take Care of the Earth

Bulletins are in loving memory of

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From Gordon and Mary MacDonald



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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude “Laudes Domini” Tune by Barnby arr. by Wilson
“For the Beauty of the Earth” Conrad Kocher
“Aria da Chiesa” Muffat arr. By Van D. Thompson

Introit VU # 297 verse 1

**All praise to you, O God of all creation;
You made the world, and it is yours alone.
The planet earth you spun in its location
Amid the stars adorning heaven’s dome.
We lease the earth but for a life’s duration,
Yet for this life it is our cherished home.**

Welcome & Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Candlelighter: Isabelle Evans

Call to Worship

Whose world is this? Who laid the foundation of the earth?

**Who set the bounds of the sea? Who guides the
constellations across the sky?**

Ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the
air, and they will tell you.

**Ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
the fish of the sea will declare it to you.**

In God's hand is the life of every living thing.

In God's hand is the breath of every human being.

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it.

All creation praises God.

Opening Hymn VU #747 *“The Lord's My Shepherd”*

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Maker of all, we gather in thanksgiving for this marvellous
world: for light and darkness; for air, wind, and sky; for
earth and sea; for seeds, forests, and harvests; for
sunlight, moonlight, and starlight; for every living creature,

swarming, flying, creeping, and grazing; for our own lives. In our actions, meditations, and prayers, may we honour and celebrate your bountiful Creation. Give us grace and wisdom, that we may learn how to share our gratitude in healing and life-giving ways. We pray in the name of Jesus, in whom all Creation holds together, and pray as he taught: **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 #412 "This Is The Day"

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.**

Passing of the Peace

(Children may go to Sunday School.)

Prayer of Confession

God, you made us to tend your garden, to be stewards of the earth. We confess that we are failing in our task.

We confess this to the animals, we confess it to the trees, we confess it to the soil, we confess it to one another, we confess it to you.

We see more and more clearly the impact of unsustainable living, but we feel powerless to change the course of human living.

Forgive us these sins, and save us from ourselves. As in the days of Noah, purge our world with cataracts of justice. We pray to be reoriented: point us once again

to our humble and honoured place as beloved creatures in covenant with you and all creation.

...moment of silence...

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

In the beginning, God, you created light. May we hear your word today as light in darkness, as a lamp to our feet, as sunrise after a long night, that we may see our place and our task on this good earth. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 36: 22-38 Reader: Elizabeth Boehner

John 10:7-18

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 “You Are My All in All/Fairest Lord
Jesus” by Jernigan/Shackley

Sermon “All We, Like Sheep”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn VU #295 “*The Earth and All Who Breathe*”

to the tune of # 296 TERRA BEATTA

Minute for Mission

Reader: Carol Blum

Invitation to Offering

Offering Dedication VU #537

Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere.

And some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.

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

Pastoral Prayer

Response: Come, Spirit of Life,
and renew the face of the earth.

Life & Work of the Church

Closing Hymn MV # 173

"Put Peace in Each Other's Hands"

Benediction

Closing Blessing VU #297 – verse 3

**To tend the earth is our entrusted duty,
For earth is ours to use and not abuse.
O gracious God, true source of all resources.
Forgive our greed that wields destruction's sword.
Then let us serve as wise and faithful stewards
While earth gives glory to creation's Lord.**

Postlude "Ancient of Days" Jeffrey arr. Chesterton

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 papers 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

-a huge thank you to the UCW for a most successful, first-time, on-line auction

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST

Tuesday

2 pm Funeral – for Roma Shaw

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.

Community Luncheon – 11:30-1:00. All welcome!

Sunday

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

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 to come and enjoy the music of talented youth from Eastern PEI

Hillcrest Spaghetti Supper – will be on Saturday, May 4th.

Mark this on your calendar – more details to follow.

Saturday May 11 – Sarah Hagen, pianist, and friends will present an exciting musical recital at 2 pm.

Hillcrest Annual Plant and Bake Sale - will be held on Saturday, May 18th. It's 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

The Village Players – are presenting a Two Act Comedy “If A Woodchuck Could Chuck Wood” at the Murray H. North Hall today at 2:00 pm. Adults \$10; Under 12 \$5.

Young at Heart Theatre has a unique play this year: The Rules and Regulations for Putting Out the Wash! Remember when this was a thing on PEI? Come prepared to laugh along with the actors. Sunday April 21, 2024 @2pm at The Lower Montague Women’s Institute Hall, 88 Lower Montague Road. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Call or text 902-969-1391.

QEH Fundraiser - Lower Montague Women’s Institute is hosting a Fundraiser Ceilidh for the QEH on Sunday April 28th @2pm at the LMWI Hall, 88 Lower Montague Road. Come join in the fun while you are entertained by local talent. Admission by donation. 50/50 and biscuits and jam.

Verdi’s REQUIEM - Sunday April 28 at 2:30 pm - 60 voices of the Island Choral Society and Luminos Ensemble, with the Luminos Chamber Orchestra, and soloists Georgia Edwards, Hannah O’Donnell, Justin Simard and Brodie MacRae. A once-in-a-generation performance of one of the greatest works in the choral repertoire at Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown. Admission: \$25 online at IslandChoralSociety.ca and at the door. For more information phone 902-628-6778.

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 11th 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. 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 to inquire.

Eclipse Glasses - if you still have eclipse glasses in good condition, you can drop them off at the church office or bring them in on Sunday morning. We are collecting them to be sent to Latin America for the use of children there to see their eclipse in August.

STEWARDSHIP

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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.