

Montague Pastoral Charge

Sunday May 5 , 2024

Hillcrest United Church

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Mental Health Sunday/Rural Life Sunday



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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Simple Gifts" Traditional arr. Cindy Berry
"It Is Well With My Soul" Philip Bliss arr. Cindy Berry
"Andante Semplice" Mattheson arr. Thompson

Introit MV#1 verse 1

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live.**

**A place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.**

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

Rock of faith and vault of grace;

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;

All are welcome, all are welcome,

All are welcome in this place.

Welcome & Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord a new song,

For God has done marvellous things!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,

The world and all that dwell there!

Let the rivers clap their hands!

Let the hills sing together for joy!

Make known what God has done:

God's steadfast love has won the victory!

With trumpet and voice, harp and horn,

We will sing a new song to God!

Opening Hymn VU # 661 *"Come to My Heart"*

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

God, you are pure love, unbounded, wild, and free. In love

you created the world; in love you redeemed your creation. In love you claimed each one of us while we were still unborn; in love you reclaim us whenever we get lost. Gather us together today in the power of your love, to be a community that would reflect this love. Teach us to love one another more deeply, so that you might live in us, and your love might be made perfect in human hearts. We pray in the name of Jesus, Love Incarnate, in the words 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 # 245

"Praise the Lord With the Sound of Trumpet"

Children's Time

Blessing of Seeds and Soil

(liturgy written by the Rev. Karen MacNeill, Vernon Bridge)

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

Creator God, bless the soil we till in field, garden, and flowerbed.

Warmed by the sun, watered by the rain, and carefully tended by us, your children, may our soil be healthy and vibrant, able to nourish all that grows within it.

Living Christ, bless the seeds we sow in field, garden, and flowerbed.

Cradled in the soil, called forth by the sun and rain, and carefully tended by us, your children, may these seeds flourish and grow to become healthy, vibrant plants.

Holy Spirit, bless the work of our hands.

Bless us in the hours spent preparing the soil, sowing the seed, and protecting the new plants as they mature throughout the season. Loving Spirit, bless the work of our hands and grant us a good harvest.

So may it be. Amen.

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 (for Mental Health Sunday)

Christ, your healing is for every part of us: body, mind, and spirit. You welcomed all who were sick, even and especially those that the world tried to cover up. We confess that we have not always done the same. Often, we have covered up and ignored mental illness, blaming the people rather than the sickness. We have drawn lines between "normal" and "abnormal," and excluded those you would have us welcome. Forgive us, we pray. Give us a love like your love, so that we may be more compassionate friends, and assist in your work of healing. Amen.

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, we long for your wisdom and truth. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we listen to the Scriptures. Prepare our ears to hear your Word and our hearts to receive it. Amen.

Scripture Readings

1 John 4:7-21

Reader: David Sibbick

Psalms 98 (VU #818 – Refrain 2)

John 15:9-17

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 “The Gift of Love” Hal Hopson

Sermon “What the World Needs Now”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn VU # 577 “*I’ve Got Peace Like a River*”

Minute for Mission

Reader: Hazel Sibbick

Invitation to Offering

Offering Dedication (Tune: TRURO VU # 158)

**Christ is alive and guides each day
to serve and love in Jesus' way;
To help each other as we live;
God bless us as our gifts we give.**

Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Life & Work of the Church

Closing Hymn VU # 333

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Benediction

Closing Blessing VU # 506 – verse 5

Take my love, and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Postlude “Festive March” Rex Koury

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.

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. Contact Nancy if you are interested in joining this volunteer group or have any ideas/suggestions.

THANK-YOU/GOOD NEWS

-thanks to our Congregational Care Committee who visit folks at Gillis Lodge, Perrins, Manor, and in their homes throughout the year

-thanks to all who helped and supported our Spaghetti Supper last evening

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST

Mon-Wed, Friday

Music Festival – a number of our youth will be performing on Mon, Tues. or Wed. in the Sanctuary with the closing Awards concert on Friday evening at 7 pm. Check out the schedule online at PEI Kiwanis Music Festival then go to the Kings County pages. All the best to everyone including our Youth Choir who sing at 6 pm Wednesday!

Wednesday

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

Senior Choir will NOT be practising this week due to Festival taking place in our sanctuary.

Thursday

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

7 pm – Steward & Trustee Meeting

Saturday

A Brahms Bonanza! - Saturday, May 11 at 2 pm– Sarah Hagen, pianist, and friends will present an exciting musical recital. “Pay what you will” - at the door.

Sunday

Youth Choir Practice – at 10:00 as we prepare for our FEAST of MUSIC concert on Sun, May 26th at 7 pm!

OTHER EVENTS

Amabile Singers concert, 'To Spring' All are invited on Fri., May 10, 7:30 p.m., at St. Peter's Cathedral. With vocal duo Ximena Godoy and Daniel Vazquez, instrumentalists, pianist Sara White and organist Clement Carelse, the 20 member chamber choir, under the direction of Ruth Ann Read-Clay, will present a varied programme, celebrating love and the joys of the season. Admission is \$15 at the door, with no charge for children 12 and under.

Confirmation Classes begin Sunday, May 12 at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14 at 1 pm – UCW meets with worship by Mary, program by Anne and lunch by Margie. Please share ideas of what you might be donating to the sale on May 18th.

Wednesday, May 15 at 10 am – Hillcrest Book Club will welcome author, Sharon (Lucy) Robson who lives in Panmure Island. Her book, “A Murmur of Men” can be borrowed by contacting Anne (902-838-2681). All welcome.

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.

FEAST of MUSIC – May 26th at 7 pm Hope you will join us to celebrate the Senior and Youth Choirs joined by A Joyful Sound Community Choir and members of the Sibbick Family as they share their spirited music for your enjoyment. Donations at the door and a lunch to follow.

Youth@Region – is a place of community & faith for youth (grades 6 -12) in the FSLDW Region who will meet during the upcoming Regional Council Meetings (May 31-June 2). For more

information, email Catherine Stuart at cstuart@united-church.ca

Camp Abby – There is a list of most needed items for this summer's camp on the office door. Donations can be left in the office. A few items are: cake mixes, spaghetti & sauce, cereal, jam, ketchup, pancake mix, dish soap, band aids, etc. If you are able to donate items, please bring to the office by the end of May.

STEWARDS & TRUSTEES

The S & T have decided to continue with the '**Wish List**'. Below is their updated list of items needed for the Church and Manse. If you have additional suggestions to be added to this list, please contact Melissa Mullen, another member of the Committee or Nancy at the church office.

- **Contributions Towards Upgrade of Lighting in Parking Lot** - For evening events there is a need to upgrade the lighting in the parking lot. We plan on installing 2 wall lights on the south side and to upgrade the existing light near the chapel door entrance. These lights would be mounted high so they will illuminate the parking lot.
- **Contributions Towards the Purchase of a Generator for the Manse** - Presently we do not have an alternate source of electrical power in the event of a power outage at the manse.
- **Cushions for Pews** - Approximate Cost is \$15 each.

Members of the congregation have been very generous with donations towards the purchase or have covered the full cost of items identified on the Wish List. The cost of the items below has been covered by donations which were made this year to date and last year.

Upright Deep Freeze - Cushions for Pews - Printer for Church Office - Replacement Tree - Chairs for Shaffelburg Room - Paper Towel Dispensers - Generator for Church - Lights at Office Door

Thank you to all who were able to donate.