

**Montague Pastoral Charge**

**Sunday May 12, 2024**

**Hillcrest United Church**

**Ministers: All of Us**

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*Mother's Day-Christian Family Sunday  
Ascension Sunday*



*Happy Heavenly Mother's Day Mom-Esther and*

*Happy Mother's Day to my daughters*

*Marilee Dawn and Lorena Anne*

*Love From Joanie*



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**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Prelude** “My Lord, What a Morning” arr. C. Berry  
Youth Instrumental Solos

**Introit** VU # 400

**Lord, listen to your children singing**

**Lord, send your spirit in this place;**

**Lord, listen to your children singing,**

**Send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

**Anthem** by Youth Choir - “Child of Peace” Waggoner

**Welcome & Acknowledgement**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

Come, mothers and fathers! Come, sisters and brothers!

**Come, young and old! Come, family of God!**

God has gone up with a shout!

**Christ has ascended with fanfare of trumpets!**

God reigns as a strong mother.

**God reigns as a faithful child.**

We are one family under God's care,

**And the family name has been exalted!**

Clap your hands, children of the Most High!

**Let the whole family of God sing praises!**

**Opening Hymn** VU # 232 *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”*

**Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

God, with a mother's eyes you watch over us; with a mother's arms you enfold us; with a mother's heart you love us. We thank you today for mothers, and for all the gifts of childhood and parenthood. We thank you that, within families biological or spiritual, we can bear the image of your eternal love: the love that has birthed us, trained us, and gathered us in as a mother hen gathers her brood. As we celebrate Jesus'

ascension today, grant that we may come to the place you have prepared for us, your children, in the kingdom and household of heaven; in Jesus' name, 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.**

**Anthem** by Youth Choir - "Climbin' Up The Mountain"  
by Linda Spevacek

**Children's Hymn VU # 365** "*Jesus Loves Me*"  
*Please remain seated as **Felix sings verse 1***  
*then stand and join in singing.*

**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 of the Peace**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Loving God, in our homes and households we have the opportunity to learn and model your kindness and forgiveness. In the church, you bring us into an even bigger family. Yet we confess that our families and churches are not always images of your love. At times there is brokenness, unkindness, grudge-bearing, and blaming. Forgive the words we should not have said and the deeds we should not have done. Give us courage and vulnerability to speak and listen to one another truthfully**

and compassionately, so that our families can again be places of the utmost love; in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination**

God of heaven and earth, as we hear the scriptures today, may we, like Christ, be lifted up on the wings of the Spirit, so that from above we may see your higher truth and deeper wisdom for our lives. Amen.

**Scripture Readings**

Acts 1:1-11 Reader: Mary Heather MacDonald

Psalms 47 (VU #771) Refrain # 2

Ephesians 1:15-23

**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.

**Sermon** “Flight of the Phoenix”

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn** VU # 320 “*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*”

**Minute for Mission**

Reader: Lorna Sukey

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offering Dedication** More Voices # 171

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.

**Offering Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

## Life & Work of the Church

Closing Hymn VU # 213 “*Rejoice, The Lord Is King*”

### Benediction

Closing Blessing VU # 580 verse 2

**Faith of our mothers, daring faith,  
Your work for Christ is love revealed,  
Spreading God’s word from pole to pole,  
Making love known and freedom real:  
Faith for today, O living faith,  
We will be true to you till death.**

Postlude “March in D Major” - Ernest A. Dicks

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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 am 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 July 7 and 28, and August. 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. Contact Nancy if you are interested in joining this volunteer group or have any ideas/suggestions.

## **UPDATE FROM THE CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Our confirmation class is journaling through the Gospel of Luke, and the whole congregation is invited to join us. This week we are reading Luke 1-4. In those chapters, consider the following: What inspired me? What confused me? What troubled me? What question would I have for Jesus (or another character)?

## **THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST**

### **Today**

**12:30 pm - Confirmation Classes** begin

### **Tuesday**

**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 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Wednesday**

**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.

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

**7 pm Senior Choir** practise

### **Thursday**

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

### **Saturday**

**Hillcrest Annual Plant and Bake Sale (9 am to noon)** - Thank you for bringing things Friday evening between 6 and 8 (or early Sat. after 8 am) Thank you for donating, purchasing, and for spreading the word.

## **Sunday**

**Youth Choir Practice** – at 10:00 am.

### **THANK-YOU/GOOD NEWS**

-congratulations to our Youth Choir and our youth solos and small groups who performed in the Music Festival this week!

Youth Choir and others were chosen to perform at the Festival Awards Concert on Friday – a great honour.

-thank you to Sara for her excellent piano accompaniments!  
-“Willy Wonka Kids” musical is being presented this week by Montague Consolidated. Shows are May 14-15 (10 am & 6 pm) and May 16 (6 pm). All the best to Farrah, Case, Charlie and the rest of the cast.

### **UPCOMING**

**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.

**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.

**The Heavenly Feast** - St. Paul’s Anglican Church will be hosting The Heavenly Feast – A Divine Fundraiser Gala Dinner on May 16 from 6:30–8:30 pm (with doors open at 6:00 pm). St. Paul’s “angels” will treat guests to a three-course meal featuring a succulent stuffed pork roast in a heavenly venue (a transformed parish hall). Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$100 each with a charitable receipt component. Tickets are available by email at [stpauls@pei.aibn.com](mailto:stpauls@pei.aibn.com) or by calling 892-1691. Cash, debit, and e-transfer are available. Tickets are going fast! Reserve yours today.

**Spring Clean Up** - Hillcrest Stewards & Trustees are looking for volunteers for our Spring yard cleanup around the church property. 6 pm on Thursday May 23rd. Help would be much appreciated.

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

### **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.***