

Montague Pastoral Charge

Sunday, March 9, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Hillcrest United Church

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1st Sunday in Lent



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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude “God, Give Us Christian Homes” arr. C. Berry
“Laudate Dominum” by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*In honour of Gertrude Mallory, Sheila's Mother, whose
birthday was March 10th*

Introit based on VU # 646

We are praying in the light of God - - -

Welcome & Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Candlelighter: Sherren MacKinnon

Call to Worship

The Lenten journey begins:

Many are the stones on the wilderness path.

Many are the temptations that trouble our minds.

**Many are the voices that would separate us from God's
love.**

But one is the Lord who walks beside us.

One is the Word that grounds our hopes.

One is the Bread that feeds our souls.

One is the Love that calls us home.

Though we are many, we are one in God.

With voices united, let us journey together.

Opening Hymn VU #340 “Jesus, Friend of Little Children”

Opening Prayer

**Loving God, hidden and strange, yet powerfully present to
help, we thank you that your Son held fast to your word in
the desert, resisting the forces of death and winning the
path to the tree of life. As each of us hunger in the
wilderness we must face, feed us with the bread that
lasts. As we try to take up our crosses and follow Christ,**

graft us into his life and ground us in his love. Show us again that we are never alone, but safe in your arms each step of the way. Amen.

Youth Choir Anthem “I’m Working in You” Bailey/Mayo

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.)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

O God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Speak to us through these scriptures today, so that we may hear your Word, and live. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Reader: Susan Wilmot

Psalms 91 (VU #807)

Luke 4:1-13

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 “Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
Words by Dorothy A. Thrupp, Music by Joel Raney

Sermon “Bread Alone”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Communion Hymn VU # 480

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Prayer of Confession

God, you have called us to be pilgrims. Forgive us when we weary of the journey and seek security, rather than the open road. Forgive us when we feel the risk of the journey is too great. Grant us pilgrim spirits in this Lenten season, and lead us to the new life of Easter. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we worship you and bless your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

...Praise to you, Jesus Christ:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

...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.

Sharing the Gifts

As you are able, please come forward by the side aisles to receive Communion, and return to your seat by the centre aisle, placing your cup in the tray. If you wish to remain in your seat, the Elders will be pleased to serve you in your pew.

Prayer after Communion

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Minute for Mission

Reader: Steve Wilmot

Invitation to Offering

Offering Dedication VU # 544

In gratitude and humble trust

we bring our best today.

To serve your cause and share your love

with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us

in Jesus Christ, your Son,

Teach us to give ourselves each day

until life's work is done.

Offering Prayer

Life & Work of the Church

Closing Hymn VU # 626 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Benediction

Closing Blessing MV # 213 (faith)

Take up his song of faith and go into the world.

Take up his song of faith in every moment.

In every moment of the journey,

we're laying down our lives;

Lay them down, in faith.

Lay them down, and take up his song.

Postlude "March in D Major" Ernest A. Dicks

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.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast volunteers – looking for folks to help with the organizing of the Sunrise breakfast this year. If you can lend a hand, please call Nancy.

THANK-YOU/GOOD NEWS

-thank you to our Youth Choir for starting our service today. We appreciate the singing you share with us

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST

Today

Lenten Bible Study on the parables of Jesus begins today at 12:30 in the Shaffelburg Room. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a bagged lunch.

Tuesday

1:00 pm UCW – meeting with worship by Melissa and lunch by Nicolle. You may bring St. Patrick Day decor or food offers for our Saturday supper. Our program will be making bulletin bag notes or cleaning the cabinet in the Chapel. New members welcome.

Wednesday

12:15 pm - Lenten Midday Communion service in the Chapel

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

9 am Peel/Prep Party for Saturday's eat-in St. Patrick's Day supper (March 15th). All are welcome to help get ready. Thank you!

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.

Saturday

2 pm UCW and friends finish prep for our supper. Thank you!
UCW St. Patrick's Beef Stew Eat-In Supper is **4 to 5:30 pm**—adults \$15 & children \$8. Vegetarian and gluten free options. To reserve, please call Nancy 838-2698 or Elizabeth 838-2203 by Mar. 12. Hope you come along and pass the word to others.

Sunday

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

Bible Study at 12:30 in the Shaffelburg Room

EASTER SEASON SERVICES

March 12 - April 16 – Wednesdays at 12:15 pm

Lenten Midday Communion services in the Chapel

April 17 - 7 pm - Maundy Thursday service at Sturgeon

April 18 - 11 am - Good Friday service at Hillcrest

April 20 - 7 am - Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Hillcrest

Easter Worship Services - 9 am - Sturgeon

11 am - Hillcrest

UPCOMING & COMMUNITY EVENTS

'Fill Your Boots' Ceilidh - The Lower Montague Women's Institute Hall is hosting a Newfoundland style Kitchen Party of Newfoundland Music and Tunes at 2 pm on Sunday, March 09, 2025. Entertainment by Joe Hynes, Ken Clarke, Harold Green, Kevin Jesso, Kenny MacKinnon, George Banks, Barry Hogan, Pius & Frances McGinnis, and special guests. Tea and coffee, cold drinks, Biscuits and Jam will be served. Admission by donation. Come 'Fill Your Boots'.

Saint Patrick's Dance Saturday, March 15 7-10 PM. Dance to the tunes of Killick Junction (Vince Keoughan, Wayne MacLean, Edna MacMaster, Len Buell & Gerry Keefe). Lower Montague Women's Institute Hall. For advance tickets @\$10 call 902-969-0434.

Canteen services available.

Hillcrest Book Club - Wed, March 19 at 10 am “Read Erity” Re-read a favorite book you read before you were 20, bring it to our March 19th meeting and tell us how you view it now compared to after your first reading. If you'd like a copy of John Flood's pamphlet Read Erity which discusses different perspectives of re-reading books, contact Brenda at 902 978 1943.

Spring Park United Church is ‘Rocking the Sanctuary’ on March 22 at 7 pm with an evening of music with Jimmy the Janitor, Phase III, Dave Altass, Joan Reeves and Judy McGregor (known as Ding and Dong), Serge Bernard, and Janet McGarry. Tickets are \$15.00/person, and you can pick them up at the church office or at the door the evening of the event. For more information phone 902-368-1822.

UCW Online Auction – March 31 to April 11

If these sunny days are encouraging you to do spring cleaning and sorting, please keep in mind the upcoming online auction. The UCW are gratefully accepting a variety of new or gently used household items, dishes, jewelry, toys, tools, linens and the ever-popular baked goods and home preserves. Products and services from businesses are also popular auction items. As was done last year, a percentage (40%) of the profits will be donated to the local food bank, so it is a win - win activity for all involved. Items can be dropped off at the office.



DID YOU KNOW ... Prince Edward Island sent three Commissioners to the First General Council held at Mutual Street Arena in Toronto on June 10, 1925. They were from each county of PEI. Thomas Moyses of Bedeque in Prince County represented the Methodists. The Rev. John M. MacLeod of St. Peter's Bay in Kings County and James M. MacLeod of Vernon Bridge in Queens County represented the Presbyterians.