

**Montague Pastoral Charge**

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Hillcrest United Church**

**Ministers: All of Us**

**Clergy: Timothy Wisnicki BSc. MDiv.**

**Minister Emeritus: Rev. Sheila Mallory**

**Director of Music: Anne White**

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*Palm Sunday*



*Bulletins are in loving memory of  
Sisters Ruth MacKinnon & Lois Matheson*

*By Gordon and Mary MacDonald*



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**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Prelude** "All Glory, Laud and Honour" Melchior Teschner  
"The Palms" J. Faure  
"Choral Song" Samuel Sebastian Wesley

**Introit** VU # 339 verse 1

**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let mortals, too, upraise their voice in hymns of praise:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Welcome & Acknowledgement**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Candlelighter: Heather MacPherson

**Call to Worship**

Look, the royal parade is drawing near!

**He comes, riding on a donkey?**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

**With women, children, and fishermen?**

The King is coming to take his throne!

**With palms for his banners and flags?**

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

**In lowly pomp ride on to die?**

Behold God's paradox: our humble messiah.

**Though we do not understand this mystery, we sing  
joyfully all the same: Hosanna, loud hosanna!**

**Opening Hymn** VU # 123 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

**Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

Son of David, you take the familiar road to the city gates, but you take it differently. With donkey and bread, towel and cross, you come to reign as servant-king. Come to our gates again today, and give us grace to let you in. As we welcome

you with music and palms, may we worship you in spirit and in truth. Guide us through the drama of this Holy Week, so that, following you through the streets of Jerusalem all the way to the cross, we might know afresh the wonder of your love. And as you taught us to pray, we say: **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 # 124 "He Came Riding on a Donkey"**

**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**

**We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us, some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us, we pray. Set us free to hear your Word to us. Set us free to serve you.**

*...moment of silence*

**Words of Assurance**

**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**

Philippians 2:5-11    Reader: Elizabeth LeLacheur

Psalm 118 (VU # 837 parts 3 & 4)

Luke 19:28-40

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

**Glor**y 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** “Sing Hosanna, Sing!” by Joel Raney

**Sermon** “What the Stones Said”

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Hymn** VU # 127 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”!

(Tune: # 100 – Winchester New)

**Minute for Mission**

Reader: Mary Heather MacDonald

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offering Dedication** based on VU #123

Hosanna, loud hosanna, we sing with one accord

And bring our gifts to Jesus, our Saviour and our Lord,

O may we ever praise him with ancient song and new

And show our love and gratitude in all we say and do.

**Offering Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Life & Work of the Church**

**Closing Hymn** VU # 122 “All Glory, Laud and Honour”

**Benediction**

**Closing Blessing** VU # 586 verse 1

We shall go out with hope of resurrection,

**We shall go out, from strength to strength go on,  
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,  
Tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted:  
We'll dream our dreams of hearts that can be healed.  
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
Within a vision of new life - - - in Christ.**

**Postlude** "Psalm XX" by Benedetto Marcello arr. Guilmant

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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.

**Broadview Magazine** – we will be sending in the renewals for the U.C. Broadview Magazine, formerly U.C. Observer soon. If anyone else would like to order a copy of this magazine, please let Nancy know. This is a bi-monthly magazine – copies are available at both entry doors if you would like to 'check it out'.

**What will we do with the South Field?** Stewards & Trustees would like to form a small group to dream/brainstorm future uses for the field south of the church. We are looking for a few members of the congregation to join the group for some blue

sky conversations. Please contact the office 838-2698 or Melissa 969-9339.

**Plant Pots** – if you have some sitting around at home you would like to donate to the Spring Plant Sale, please drop them off in the office. If you need some to start plants, there are some in the office.

**Garden Plots** – spring is beginning and it is time to renew or book your garden plot. If you are interested in this adventure, please call the office to book your garden plot at 838-2698.

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

-thank you to all who donated, purchased, and helped in any way to make our Online Auction such a great success. 40% of the profits are being donated to the SKQ Food Bank

### **THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST**

#### **Today**

**Special Pastoral Charge Meeting** – following church service - to hear report concerning change in Pastoral Relations. Please plan to stay for this short Pastoral Charge meeting.

**Bible Study** at 12:30 in the Shaffelburg Room.

#### **Tuesday**

**UCW 1 pm** with worship by Sandra and lunch by Helen. Please bring Easter candy and we'll create Bulletin Bag treat bags. All are welcome!

#### **Wednesday**

**Book Club** – meets at **10 am**, in the chapel to discuss two books - "The House on Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros and "The Last Romantics" by Tara Conklin. Feel free to read one or both. Copies are available on the choir room table. All welcome for lively discussion and tasty snacks!

**Lenten Midday Worship** - 12:15 pm - service in the Chapel

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

**Senior Choir** practices at **6:45 pm** (this week only) as we

rehearse with Mary MacLean on flute – thanks for coming early!

### **Thursday**

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

**Maundy Thursday** service at 7 pm at Sturgeon - communion and foot washing service

**Good Friday** worship at 11 am at Hillcrest with Senior Choir

### **Sunday**

**Youth Choir Practice** at 10:00 and singing at our 11:00 am Easter worship. (Next singing - Festival, Wed eve, May 7<sup>th</sup>.)

## **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  
(communion and foot washing service)

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

(Easter Egg Hunt to follow the service)

## **UPCOMING AT HILLCREST**

**Movie Night** – ‘save the date’ – April 25 for movie night – more details to come.

**FEAST of MUSIC Concert** - **Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> - 7 pm**

featuring our Senior & Youth Choirs plus A Joyful Sound Community Choir and the Sibbick Family singers. Please mark the date, tell your friends and come along!

## **OUT & ABOUT**

**Gospel Ceilidh** Sunday April 13, 2025 at the Lower Montague Women's Institute Hall, 88 Lower Montague Road at 2 pm. Tea and coffee, cold drinks, biscuits and jam. 50/50.

Admission by donation. Performers: Barry & Chris Judson, Mary Lou MacLure, Tom Clark, Lisa Holland and Paula Griffin, Barry Hogan, Marie MacIntyre, Brenda Pollard, Elaine MacLennan, Hazel McLaren, Kevin Jesso, Kenny MacKinnon, Harold Green and George Banks

**Mother's Day Tea** - Southern King's 50 + Club Mother's Day Tea will be held at Cambridge Hall, 425 Cambridge Rd., on May 3rd, 2025 from 1-3pm. Cost is \$10.00. Reservations required by Wednesday, April 30th. Call Shirley at 902-962-3381; Myrna at 902-969-6977; Judy at 902-962-3210; Caron or Frank at 782-823-0840 or Sandra at 902-838-4338. Tea, sandwiches & sweets to enjoy with Mom and Friends.

