

**Montague Pastoral Charge**

**Sunday April 5, 2026**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Hillcrest United Church**

Ministers: *All of Us*

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*Resurrection Sunday: Easter Day*



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**\*\* Congregation read the Bold print \*\***

*White Liturgical colour is for: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Baptism of Jesus, Transfiguration Sunday and Easter Sunday*

### **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Prelude** Easter medley by Sara White

Piano/Organ duet by Sara and Anne

“Easter Chimes” arr. By Charles Demorest

**Introit** VU #175 Refrain

**This is the day that God has made!**

**Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!**

**This is the day that God has made!**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!**

**Welcome & Acknowledgement**

**Combined Choir Anthem** “Hallelujah!”

arr. Anna Laura Page/ Jean Anne Shafferman

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Candlelighter: Rhonda Jackson

**Opening Hymn** VU #161 “Welcome, Happy Morning”

**Call to Worship**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Return to the light, for the light has returned to us!

**The light shone in darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it!**

Weeping may linger for a night, but joy comes with the dawn!

**God has turned our mourning into dancing! Let us praise our living Lord!**

**Youth Choir Anthem** “Every Morning is Easter Morning”

## **Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

God of life, by raising Christ your Son today, you have broken the chains of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. With the dawn, joy has come, never to depart from your people. As we celebrate today at the beginning of your new creation, empty our tombs, renew our lives, and release your power, in the name of Jesus, our risen Saviour, 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.**

**Children's Hymn VU #166 "Joy Comes with the Dawn"**

## **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**

**Wondrous God, nothing can silence your Word. Your voice rolls back the stone and breaks every chain that binds us. Open our ears now by your Word of life, and fill us with the joy of resurrection. Amen.**

### **Scripture Readings**

Acts 10:34-43      Reader: Kathy Crane

Psalms 118, Parts 1-3 (VU # 837)

John 20:1-18

**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** “Christ Is Risen Today” Price/Besig

**Sermon**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Hymn** VU # 176 “Who Is There on This Easter Morning”

**Minute for Mission**

**Reader: Carol Blum**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offering Dedication** Based on VU # 164

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.**

**We bring our Easter offerings**

**with prayer and praise to thee**

**Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory!**

**Offering Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

*Response:* Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

**Come and make all things new.**

**Life & Work of the Church**

**Closing Hymn** VU #155 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

**Benediction**

**Closing Blessing** VU #164 verse 3

**Now let the heavens be joyful,**

**let earth its song begin,**

**The round world keep high triumph,**

**and all that is therein,**

**Let all things seen and unseen**

their notes of gladness blend.  
For Christ indeed is risen,  
our Joy that has no end.

Postlude "The Strife Is O'er" arr. Lani Smith

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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 know if anyone in hospital, long-term care or at home requires a visit. If you are requiring Pastoral Care, please call Timothy at the office or 905-269-7381 or minister\_hillcrest@outlook.com

**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 back door.

**P.A.R.** – If you would like to have your donations to Hillcrest done through PAR or if you need church envelopes please call the office or let Nancy know.

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

-thank you to all who supported the ***Love For Guatemala*** concert last Sunday. Together, with the concert proceeds and the ongoing donations from the congregation, a Mayan family will now have a new home, Hillcrest House #3. What an amazing blessing.

- thank you to all who helped enrich our Holy Week with extra worship, music, readings and so much more

### **THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST**

## **Tuesday**

**MPC Executive Meeting** – 7 pm

## **Wednesday**

**9:30 am Congregational Care Meeting**

**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**

**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.

## **Sunday**

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

**Bible study** on the theme of call and vocation resumes at 12:15 in the Shaffelburg Room.

## **UPCOMING AT HILLCREST**

**Worship Meeting** - Tuesday, April 14; 9:30 am

**UCW meeting** – Tuesday, April 14 at 1:00 pm

**Book Club** – Wed. April 15 – 10 am

## **OTHER NEWS**

**St. Andrew's, Vernon Bridge** will be hosting a Workshop about important legal decisions of health care, death and dying from 12:30-3:00 on April 11. Presented by Hannah Jones, Community Legal Information. All welcome.

**Fiddlers' Sons** Fundraiser will be held on Sun. April 19, from 2-4 pm at St. Andrew's, Vernon Bridge. Tickets are \$20. Tickets can be purchased at the church office at 902-651-2009 or Dorothy at 902-629-5561.

