

Montague Pastoral Charge

Sunday April 19, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Hillcrest United Church

Ministers: All of Us

Clergy: Rev. Timothy Wisnicki BSc. MDiv.

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3rd of Easter ~ Earth Sunday



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George Matheson

Love Mary & Family



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

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude “Come, Thou Almighty King” Giardini arr. Berry
“Praise This Day” Robert Williams arr. Cindy Berry
“Tocatta in A Major” Johann Speth

Introit VU #359 verse 1

**He came singing love and he lived singing love;
He died singing love. He arose in silence.
For the love to go on we must make it our song;
You and I be the singers.**

Welcome & Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Candlelighter: Melvina Buchanan

Opening Hymn VU #412 “This Is The Day”

Call to Worship (Responsive - Written by Richard Bott,
Gathering, Easter 2026, used with permission.)

I turn to the left, and a path lies before me. I turn to the right
and a path lies before me. I turn forward and behind, more
paths! Which should I take?

**Don't worry about the path! Find the guide! Find the One
who is showing you the way.**

But which path should I take?

**It could be any of them. It could be none. You might
even need to travel off the path. You might need to fly!
Seek the one who is showing you the way!**

With open spirits, open hearts, and open minds, let us
worship the one who is the Way, the Truth and the Life!

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Loving God, in our world, so much seems the same and so
much is changing very fast. As individuals and as a
community, we often find we don't know where we are

headed. Here we gather, in our diversity, to seek your compassionate, guiding Spirit. Sit with us awhile, we pray. Help us open our hearts that we may call on you. Walk with us when we leave this place. Show yourself to us that we might recognize you and faithfully follow. Together, now, we pray as Jesus has 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 MV #27

"Creator God, You Gave Us Life"

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

As we listen to our words of scripture and sermon, help us, O God, that we might hear your word for us today. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Acts 2: 14 a, 36 – 41

Reader: Dara Loomis

Psalms 116, page 836 VU

Luke 24: 13 – 35 (Rev. Beth)

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 “Praise God, Creator”

M. R. Tucker ~~ Solo verse by Ila Matheson

Sermon ‘What on Earth!’

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn VU #427 “To Show by Touch and Word”

Minute for Mission

Reader: Sandra MacDonald

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 #184 (Tune: VU #372)

“As We Walked Home at Close of Day”

Benediction

Closing Blessing VU #359 verse 1

**He came singing love and he lived singing love;
He died singing love. He arose in silence.
For the love to go on we must make it our song;
You and I be the singers.**

Postlude “A Festal Fanfare” J. S. Bach arr. Thompson

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 switch to PAR or need envelopes, let Nancy/office know.

Fundscrip Fundraiser – the office has gift cards available for the gas stations and grocery stores in Montague and a few other stores for purchase. Fundscrip donates a percentage of each sale back to the church. Drop into the office if you have questions or to purchase cards.

S.K.Q. Food Bank Sunday

April 26

Last Sunday of every month



THANK-YOU/GOOD NEWS

-thank you Rev. Beth for filling in while Rev. Timothy spends time with our young people

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST

Today

12:30-12:45 – a short gathering in the Shaffelburg Room for any who tried using the Daily Prayer resource, to reflect on the experience.

12:45 – Bible Study on the theme of ‘call’ continues in the Shaffelburg Room. All welcome.

Wednesday

10 am Book Club will be reading and discussing the poems of Judy Gaudet’s new poetry collection “Another Landscape”. All are welcome to join in on Wednesday for the discussions.

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

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

11:30 Community Luncheon – all welcome for our monthly luncheon – bring a friend or two for soup, sandwiches, and a treat. Stay to play a game or two.

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.

Saturday

3:00 Movie & Pot-Luck – all welcome to watch “Babette’s Feast” (1987, G). Set in 1800s Denmark, this is a beautiful film about grace coming to an austere pious family in the form of a single meal. Movie at 3 pm and with potluck supper and discussion afterwards.

Sunday

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

11:00 Service – we will have the baptism of Léo Arsenault, son of Samantha & Mathieu and grandson of Beryl & Allan Palmer

12:30 Bible Study is in the Shaffelburg Room.

UPCOMING AT HILLCREST

Manor Service – all are welcome to join Rev. Timothy and the music team at the Manor service on Wed. April 29 at 11 am (held on the last Wed. of every month).

Takeout Roast Beef Dinner - Sat. Apr. 25 at Trinity-Clifton United Church from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Dinner includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, turnips, carrots, peas, gravy, and cake for dessert. Tickets are \$25. Please call 902-892-4114 or visit the church office at 220 Richmond Street (weekdays 9:30 am - 2:00 pm) for tickets.

Hillcrest Plant and Bake Sale 9 am to 12 noon on Saturday, May 23rd. Thank you to those who are starting seedlings and other plants. We appreciate small or large donations of your “baking” and “planting” for this annual event.

FEAST of MUSIC choir concert will be held Sunday evening, May 31st. We invite you to join us for this annual showcase featuring our Senior Choir, Youth Choir, the Sibbick Sibling Singers, A Joyful Sound Community Choir with a delicious lunch to follow.

Foil pie plates – please drop off your used foil pie plates to the office, for the garden committee, as they will hang these up to deter the crows from raiding the gardens!

Guatemala Mission - anyone still wishing to make a financial contribution and receive a charitable donation receipt for the upcoming Guatemala Mission 2026 can do so by putting your contribution in an envelope marked ‘Guatemala Mission’ with your name on it and placing it in the collection plate or dropping off to the office.

Pilgrimage PEI: The Way of St. John 2026 – you are welcome to join this five day pilgrimage from Montague to Greenwich National Park May 24-29, 2026. For more information contact Paul/Elizabeth Millar at pilgrimagepei@gmail.com.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Happy 80th Clayton Bulpitt – come celebrate Clayton’s 80th at Club 19, Rodd Brudenell, on Sat. April 25 from 2-4 pm

Come and hear "***Men of the Harvest***" April 19th at 3pm Dundas Church. This group of male performers share their love of music in this choir that features four-part harmonies. Tickets are \$10. Proceeds to the Kings United Pastoral Charge.

Spring Park United Church **Yard Sale** will be held Sat. April 25 from 9am – noon at 65 Kirkwood Dr., Ch'Town.

Haydn's '**The Creation**': the majestic oratorio, performed by the 60 musicians of Luminos and the Island Choral Society under Margot Rejskind. Sunday, 26 April, 3:00 pm, at St. Paul's church in downtown Charlottetown. \$25/15 online (+ fee) at luminosensemble.com or cash (only) at-the-door. Children free.

Camp Abby – there is a list in the office of donations needed for the 2026 Camp Abby season if you would like to make a donation.

Community Luncheon

4th Thursday of every month – April 23

11:30-1:00

soup, sandwich and a treat



Come for lunch, a game or two and a chat
with new and old friends



MEDICAL – there is a critical shortage of health facilities, doctors and nurses, and many rural areas lack access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene services

DENTAL – in predominantly Maya regions there is sometimes only one dentist for every 30,000 residents. A study of children in Indigenous areas revealed that 95% have cavities and 38% suffer from frequent toothaches. Rural Maya often must travel for hours at a high cost for treatment. Even if it is available, poverty often forces families to prioritize food and basic survival over dental hygiene products or professional care