

# **Hillcrest United Church**

**Montague Pastoral Charge  
The United Church of Canada**

**Ministers: All of Us!**

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***September 26, 2021 – Pentecost XVIII***

***Tell Me the Stories of Jesus***



***Today's Bulletins are placed  
In Loving Memory***

***of***

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*(\*please stand)*

**Prelude:** “Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee” (arr. C. Berry)  
“The Organ Song” (G. F. Handel arr. E. J. Lorenz)

**\*Introit** VU #260 – verse 1

**God who gives to us its goodness,  
God creator of all joy,  
God who gives to us our freedom,  
God who blesses tool and toy;  
Teach us now to laugh and praise You,  
Deep within Your praises sing,  
All the whole creation dances  
For the goodness of its King.**

**Greeting & Welcome**

As we gather in worship, we acknowledge that we are on the unceded territory of the Indigenous peoples.

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

As we light this candle, we are reminded that Christ is in our midst as the light of the world.

**May the light of God shining through us brighten the world.**

**Call to Worship**

Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.

**God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.**

We struggle and worry.

**God's loving presence sustains and strengthens us.**

Listen for God's call to you.

**Lord, we are listening and seeking Your guidance. Amen**

**Opening Prayer**

Lord of mercy and joy, be with us this day as we seek Your word and Your guidance. Remove the obstacles that block our commitment from living out our faith in You. Help us to truly be Your disciples. We ask this in Christ's Name. **Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** More Voices #30 – verses 1 and 4  
“It’s A song Of Praise To The Maker”

**Life and Work of the Church**

**Good News**

**We celebrate you in all that you do,  
We love you; God bless you. We celebrate you!**

**\*Children’s Hymn** VU #361 “Small Things Count”

**Children’s Story** “Overcoming Temptation”

**Children’s Prayer** (repeat after leader)

*Dear God, we thank You for watching over us, we thank You for protecting us from wrong doing. Guide us Lord to be nice and to be kind to others.*

*(Children may go to Sunday School.)*

**Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, it is from You that we live and move and have our being. Your love is hidden from us by our sins. We forget Your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses. Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With reverent and humble hearts, we draw near to You. Forgive us when our greed, our control, and our pride keep others from knowing You. Amen.

*...Silent prayer.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Beloved Ones, you are the salty people - those who bring flavor to living. Your spirit of love and confidence gives hope to others. Remember that the Lord is always with you. Amen.**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination**

Be still and know that God is near.  
Be still and know that God is with us.  
Be still and know that God is here.

**Scripture Readings**

**James 5:13-20** Reader: Angela Palmer

**Mark 9:38-50**

**The Gloria Patri** – (by Alan Coffin)

**Musical Offering** by Garth, Milton and Marian  
“Heaven Came Down” (by John Peterson)

**Reflection** “*Temptations to Sin*”

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\***Hymn VU #364** “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Minute for Mission**

**Invitation to Offering**

We are called to believe in God.

We are called to have faith in Jesus.

We do this by resisting temptations to sin.

We do this by caring for and serving each other.

In God’s Love, we dedicate our gifts, our time and our talents.

\***Offering Dedication** – VU # 518 verse 3

**With gratitude and humble trust**

**We bring our best to You.**

**Not just to serve Your cause,**

**But share Your love with neighbours too.**

**O God, who gave Yourself to us**

**In Jesus Christ, Your Son.**

**Help us to give ourselves each day**

**Until life’s work is done.**

\***Offering Prayer**

Giving God, when we are in need, You are at our side, present to us even in our darkest moments. You rescue us from harm. Guide us to be a people who celebrate Your goodness. Guide us to draw others away from sin into the celebration of Your many blessings. Receive our offerings, even if they are as small as a drink for someone who thirsts. Transform our giving into the mystery of Your reign here and now on earth, in the name of Jesus, Your greatest gift. Amen.

\***Closing Hymn VU #681**

“Where Cross The Crowded Ways Of Life”

**Benediction** (Psalm 124, James 5, Mark 9)

God has created all things.

God has rescued us from sin and suffering.

**Let us go forth, seeking to be on God’s side.**

Jesus Christ finds us when we wander far from God.

**Let us go forth, seeking to be on God’s side.**

The Holy Spirit empowers us to welcome all into the reign of God’s love.

**Let us go forth, seeking to be on God’s side,  
bringing the love of Christ everywhere we go.**

And may the grace and peace of the Father, the Son and The Holy Spirit be with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Blessing** VU #260 – verse 2

**God who fills the earth with beauty,  
God who binds each friend to friend,  
God who names us co-creators  
God who wills that chaos end;  
Grant us now creative spirits,  
Minds responsive to your mind.  
Hearts and wills your rule extending  
All our acts by Love refined.**

**Postlude** Recessional ‘Hymn of Praise’ (by Brahms)

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LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

**A warm Hillcrest welcome to guests  
visiting with us today.**

***Please sign our guest books at each entryway***

**MPC COVID-19 Protocol – As of Sept. 17, masks are now required indoors.** Along with wearing masks, we ask that you continue to practice safe distancing, hand sanitising, etc. Thank-you for working together to keep us safe, and always remember to **‘Be Kind, Be Patient’**.

**Office Hours** this week are Mon. through Thurs. 9 a.m. to noon. (Office 902-838-2698)

**Yard Sale** - anyone wishing to do **fall shopping** can make an appointment in the office to drop by and check out the yard sale items that were organized (by Jeanne MacLean) on tables in the Valleyfield room. The tables will be replenished weekly, so come back more than once to see the newest items.

**Wednesday**

2-4 p.m. – **Hillcrest Bridge Group**-New players welcome.

7-8 p.m. – **Senior Choir**-New singers most welcome.

**Friday 10:00 a.m. – Frank’s Free Computer College.**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. Youth Choir** – New singers welcome. Call/Text Anne at 902-838-2681 or just come along.

**UCW Garden** is ready for picking and sharing. Check out Garden Plot #12 and help yourself to the fresh vegetables.

**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, call the office or Rev. Doreen at 940-1863

**UPCOMING AT HILLCREST**

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday** will be Oct. 24. We invite you to pick a favourite hymn or dedicate a hymn in memory of someone. The special hymn dedications will be for the month of October. The committee is also looking for your old photos of the church and church people (with names and information) to possibly present a slide show. Please bring hymn choices and/or pictures to the office.

**Turkey Supper** – will be held on October 22 for a ‘take-out’ dinner. More details to follow.

**Upcoming Guest Speakers/Ministers**

Oct. 3 - Larry Hale

Oct. 10 - Nancie Stevenson

Oct. 17, 31 - Garth Steeves

Oct. 24 - Rev. Melaney Matheson

**Hillcrest Knitting Group** is hoping to get back knitting and purling after Thanksgiving. The Friday start-up date will be announced soon.

## THANK-YOU!

- to Don MacEwen for being our guest Preacher this morning.
- to Garth Steeves, Milton Ingalls and Marian Bruce for sharing your special music with us today.
- to Lenore and Roger for all their work with the Community Garden this summer.
- for your donations to the Food Bank.
- to Jeanne MacLean who has begun a Yard Sale clean-up and organized tables of Yard Sale items
- to the volunteers who house cleaned the kitchen last week.

## REMINDERS

**Worship LIVE** on the Facebook page, Hillcrest United Church PEI, or on MIXLR on website [www.hillcrestunitedchurch.ca](http://www.hillcrestunitedchurch.ca) Should you have questions, please e-mail or phone the office.

**Furnace Fund & Technology Fund** - please consider making a donation to help install the new furnace/technical equipment. Special donation envelopes are available at the entrance doors for donations.

**Bulletin Dedications** are a great way to remember loved ones or to mark a special occasion. Please contact the office to book a Sunday. Suggested offering is \$25. (available dates: Dec. 12, 19, 24)

**Little Library** books are waiting out front to be chosen as your 'next read'.

**Magazine** - pick up or drop off a magazine at the magazine rack (by the offices).

**Kitchen Comforts** - Hillcrest Church Cookbooks are available in the office (\$10 each or 2/\$15).

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THANKFUL  
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