

# **GEORGE STREET UNITED CHURCH**

## **ROOTED IN THE ROCK: TRANSFORMING FOR TOMORROW**



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## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Organ Prelude:                *'Let your Light Shine'*                T. Birchwood

Introit:    *'When Heaven's Bright with Mystery'*    R. Johns/English trad.  
              (R. Vaughan Williams. arr.)

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

God is our hope.

**God settles the shaking ground beneath our feet.**

When we are overwhelmed God is there.

**God waters the earth, softening us and blessing our growth.**

God is our hope.

**Happy are those who feel God's presence.**

#### \*INVOCATION PRAYER: (in unison)

**Gracious God, all week we have been fighting the good fight, running the race, and keeping the faith. So, today we need your care, because we must go out and strive again next week. Silence the tumult in our lives O God. Lift us up. Pour your Spirit upon us. We gather in your good house O God, seeking your comforting care, and inspiration. Amen.**

#### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and community of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you**

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

\*Hymn:                        *VU# 217 'All Creatures of Our God and King'*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

Holy and Loving God, renew us through the ministry of Your Holy Spirit. Forgive those things in our lives that have hurt our neighbours and our own selves.

*[Sacred Silence]*

May we honour Christ Jesus, Your living Word, in all that we say and do, both now, and forever. Amen.

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** (in unison)

All God asks of us is a humble spirit

**God accepts a humble heart**

God invites us to see the face of Christ in all who help us to set aside our fears, all offer us joy from tears, and all who steady us when we stumble

**We walk hand in hand with God, Amen**

\*Hymn: **VU# 341** *'Fairest Lord Jesus'* (V.1)

Young Spirits Time

\*Hymn: **VU# 341** *'Fairest Lord Jesus'* (V.4)

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7 Linda Andrews

Anthem: *'Creator of the Stars of Night'* J. Franck

Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Linda Andrews

\*Meditative Hymn: **VU# 376** *'Spirit of the Living God'*(v. 1)

Scripture: Acts 8:14-17

Meditation: *"Fill It Up!"* Rev. Peter Bartlett

\*Meditative Hymn: **VU# 376** *'Spirit of the Living God'* (v. 2)

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn: **VU# 559** *'Come O Fount of Every Blessing'*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering:

Offertory Prelude:        *'Air'*                                 H. Purcell

\*Hymn:        *VU# 541        'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow'*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (In Unison)

Ever-present God, with this offering, we present also ourselves: all that we have been, all that we are, and all that we shall become.

Amen.

\*Hymn:        *VU# 420        'Go to the World'*

## COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Vesper:                        *'Sent out in Jesus' Name'*                     Cuban trad.

Organ Postlude:            *'Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr'*             V. Lübeck  
(To God on high alone be glory)

# ***OUTREACH AT GEORGE STREET***

## ***UNITED CHURCH***

### **Our Beginnings**

The Soup Kitchen at George Street United Church was opened in the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre with the support of Kathy LeGrow. Since its inception in January 2002 the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre has served in excess of 150,000 meals in its short sixteen-year history.

### **Our Future**

Thanks to the patronage of Elinor Gill Ratcliffe, Corporate sponsors, government program support and the generosity of our congregation, our Soup Kitchen expanded to include an Internet Access Centre based on the results from a survey of outreach center patrons. The outreach center continues to expand to meet the needs of residents of the greater St. John's area in particular residents of the downtown core. A Senior's Inclusion Program was introduced in 2010 and a Winter Hot Breakfast Program was introduced in 2011.

### **Our Sponsors**

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### **How You Can Help**

- Become a sponsor of the Outreach program
- Remember a loved one by giving a special gift to the outreach centre