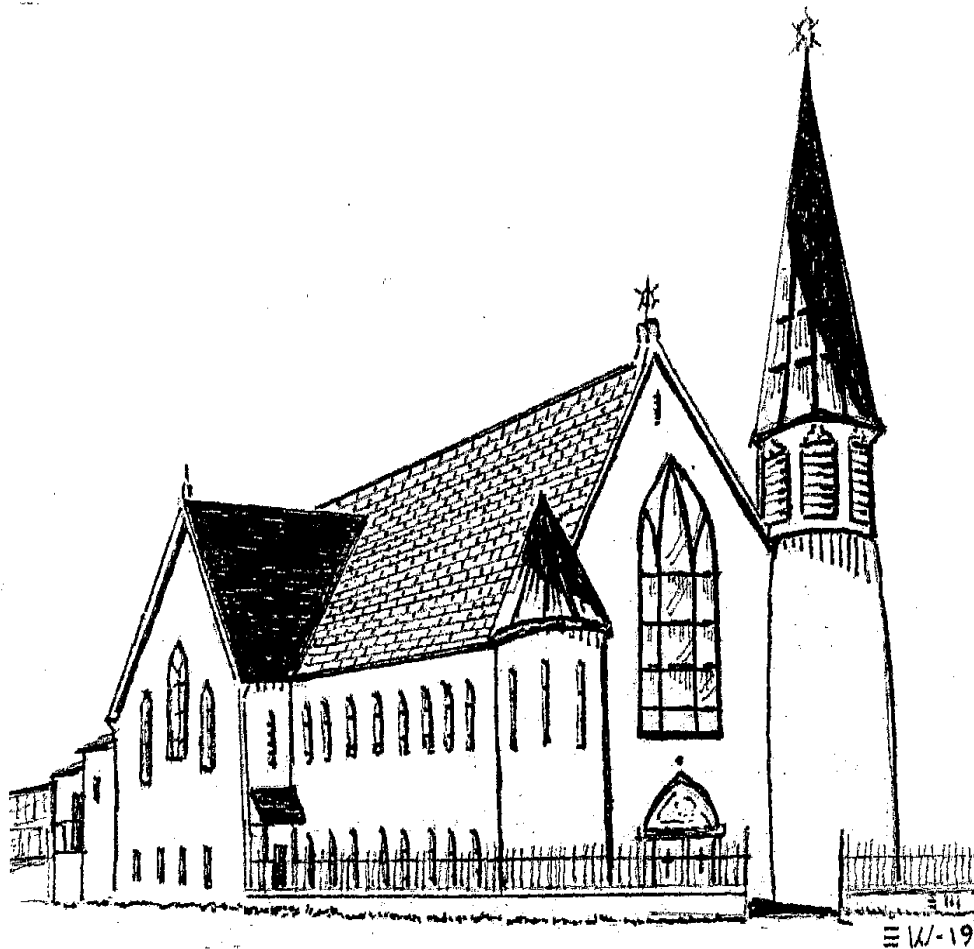


GEORGE STREET UNITED CHURCH

ROOTED IN THE ROCK:
TRANSFORMING FOR
TOMORROW



February 23rd, 2020

Transfiguration Sunday

Worship Leader: Rev. John Maich B.C.S M. Div

Organist & Senior Choir Director:

Dr. Carolyn Sturge Sparkes, B. Mus., PhD

Men's Choir: Directed by William Green.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Introit VU 396 *Jesus, stand among us vs. 1*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call To Worship:

ONE: Come! Testify! Tell all the world what you have seen and what you have received from your faithful forbears.

MANY: **We testify not to deeds of brute power, but to the powerful effect of God's amazing grace. We testify not to mind-boggling flights of fancy, but to the humbling beauty of forgiveness freely offered. We testify that the Lord is God and there is no other!**

*Hymn: VU 101 *We Have Come . . .*

Opening Prayer:

ONE: We thank you Word of God, you who were in the beginning with God and are God. We thank you for your words spoken true in every age.

MANY: **Let your words now become our words. Let your Spirit and your will inhabit the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart. Empower us not merely to speak of you but also to speak with you and at your command, to speak for you. Teach us patience and wisdom. Guide us into your righteousness. Amen.**

*Sharing The Peace Of Christ:

Time With The Children:

*Prayer Of Confession:

ONE: Open your hearts and minds to the presence of God. Confess your sin in quiet humility.

MANY: **Your word penetrates sharply dividing even soul from flesh. Take our sins away from us and hurl them as far as east is from the west. Forgive us by your grace and make us whole again. Amen.**

***Words Of Assurance:**

ONE: Our Lord Jesus the Christ has not come into the world to judge us nor to condemn us.

MANY: Our Saviour has come into the world to redeem and restore us.

ONE: Behold! You are new creations in Christ Jesus, free from condemnation and forgiven by God's grace.

MANY: Amen. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Hymn: VU 415 *God We Praise You For The Morning

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (in unison):

MANY: Gracious and loving God, you reveal yourself to us through Creation, Christ Jesus, your only Begotten Son and, through the words of Holy Scripture. Open your words to us this day that in hearing we may understand and with understanding we may follow you into action. Amen.

Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-21 Pg. 244

Responsive Psalm: 31 VU pg. 758

Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9 Pg. 21

Anthem *Have Faith in God* Words & Music by G. V. Thompson

Message: Tell No One Until Later Rev. John Maich

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 574 *Come Let Us Sing*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering:

ONE: The Lord does not ask because the Lord has some need. God gently makes a request so that we may find the freedom always held out to us. Bring now your gifts, loosening the chains which bind you and others.

Offertory SOG 98 *Something for Jesus* vs. 1, 3 and 4

*Hymn: VU 541 *Praise God . . .*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)**

MANY: We thank you merciful Redeemer, for the freedom you so graciously offer; for welcoming us into your family and giving us purpose in your coming Kingdom. Accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude and bless them that they may serve you, your children and your church. Amen.

*Hymn: VU 210 *You Lord Are Both . . .*

***BENEDICTION:**

ONE: As people of God you form a community of faith within
The United Church of Canada

MANY: **Within this community of faith we are blessed and
blessing.**

***COMMISSIONING (in unison):**

ONE: Go now and proclaim the good news of Christ's gospel.

MANY: **We will testify to God's creative caring and to the
Spirit's empowerment and, encouragement of our
community. We will use our many and varied gifts
to reach out to our neighbours and embody God's
love for them in the world.**

Vesper SOG 76 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* vs. 2

Coffee Time

*Please join us in Room C after today's morning worship
service for snacks & refreshments.*

*There is a sign-up sheet to "host" the coffee time on
Sundays on the door of Room C, please sign up!*