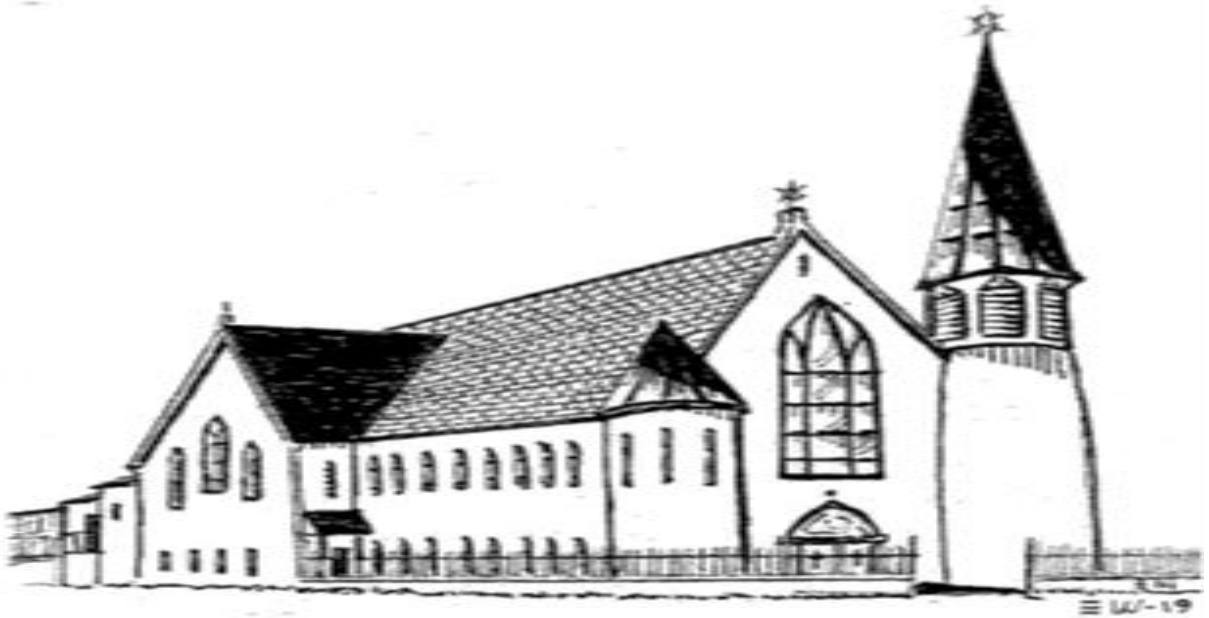


GEORGE STREET UNITED CHURCH

ROOTED IN THE ROCK: TRANSFORMING FOR TOMORROW



October 10th, 2021

2nd Sunday in the Season of Gratitude

20th Sunday following Pentecost

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

Organ Prelude: Impromptu----F. Schubert

Introit: Give to Me , Lord, a Thankful Heart (vs. 1)—T. Micklen

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome, and Announcements:

Sharing The Peace of Christ:

*Call To Worship:

ONE: God says, "I will fill your cup and then some"

ALL: **We come now to receive.**

ONE: Jesus says, "I bring abundant life to all."

ALL: **We come now to share.**

ONE: The Holy Spirit says, "I fill your hearts with love."

ALL: **We come now to love.**

ONE: Let us worship God

*Hymn: VU 218 **We Praise You, O God**

Opening Prayer:

ONE: Let us come together and be of one accord, let us bring our prayers and praises to God.

ALL: **Holy and gracious God, we gather as seekers, lovers, disciples, and friends. We gather to give you thanks for the blessings of our lives and to replenish and refuel for the road ahead. We gather to learn the wisdom of your way and feel the warmth of your love. Bless this gathering as we join together in wholehearted worship. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession:

ONE: Let us come before the mercy seat of God and give our confession in earnest.

ALL: Gracious Redeemer we profess our faults and our failures along with our shame and our regret. We confess our faith in your gospel, that there is good news for those who have fallen short of your glory. Wash us clean, by your grace and renew right spirits within our hearts and minds that we might follow you with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

ONE: The good news of the Gospel of Christ is that Jesus has not come into the world to judge the world but to redeem it.

ALL: The Holy Spirit intercedes for us in the midst of our weakness. We are lifted-up, dusted off and invited to join Jesus in God's coming Kingdom not as servants but as friends.

***Hymn:** VU 365 Jesus Loves Me

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (in unison):

ALL: Generous God, we give you thanks for the inspiration and guidance of your Word. May we hear these words from the psalmist newly and may we ground ourselves in your wisdom and your way.

Hebrew Lesson: Proverbs 3: 1-18

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4: 6-7

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10: 13-16

Musical Offering: Can a Little Child Like Me?—M. Dodge/W.
Basswood

Soloist: Beverly Dawe

Psalm: 26

Sermon: Wisdom For The Road

***Hymn: VU 641 Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song**

Pastoral Prayer and The LORD's Prayer:

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering:

ONE: Come, let us bring our gifts of time, talent, and treasure
as an offering of thanksgiving to the great God who
provides for our every need

Offertory Prelude: Prelude----J. Rinck

Offertory Prayer:

**ALL: Like the Psalmist, gracious God, we love living with
you and are grateful for our many blessings. We
love knowing that you are present with us as we
journey through life. With thanksgiving in our
hearts, we pray that our gifts of time, talent, and
treasure will bless our neighbours, near and far.
Amen.**

***Hymn: VU 706 Give Thanks For Life**

***BENEDICTION:**

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

ALL: **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.

ALL: **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: We Plough the Fields (Refrain)—M. Claudius/ J. Schulz

Organ Postlude: I Will Give Thanks--- C. Gounod