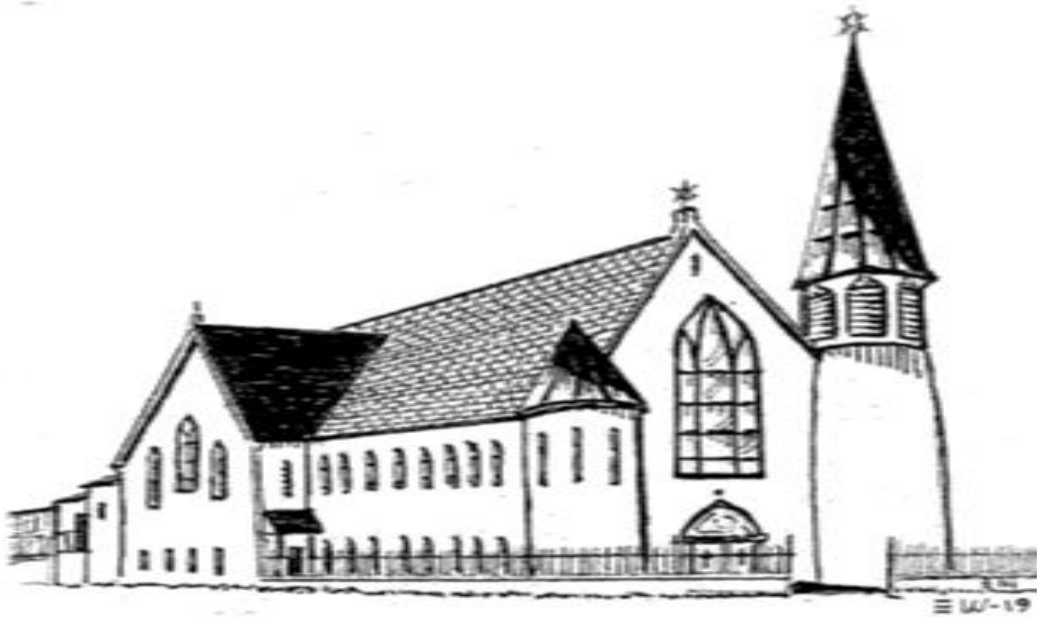


GEORGE STREET UNITED CHURCH

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



March 27th, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Assistant Organist & Choir Director:

William Green.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Organ Prelude

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome, and Announcements:

Sharing The Peace of Christ:

*Call To Worship:

ONE: Come all you children of the Creator of the heavens and the earth! Come and praise the work of God's hands!

ALL: **We praise you O Lord, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made, you have knit us together in our mother's wombs, you have fashioned us in your great and glorious image. May your name be hallowed forever!**

*Hymn: VU 288 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Opening Prayer: (in unison)

ALL: **We come on the first day of the week, on the day of resurrection bringing hope for new life and strength for new journeys. Be present with us and within us and guide us on your holy pathways to your holy kingdom. Amen.**

Prayer Of Confession:

ONE: Let us confess our faults and our failures before God who is both merciful and just.

ALL: **Forgive us Lord, for our sins and our shortcomings. Remove the dross from our lives and refine the pure ore contained within us. Make us your treasure and fill us with your grace. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

ONE: God has sent Jesus into the world not to condemn nor to destroy but to redeem and to restore. You are new creations in Christ Jesus and free from all condemnation.

ALL: **We cling to the promise that we have received. That a place has been prepared for us in the Kingdom of Heaven. Help us to grow and mature in our faith so that we may serve you fully. Amen.**

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*):

ALL: **Thank you God, for the ways that you have chosen to reveal yourself to us. Thank you for the whole of Creation and her testimony. Thank you for the words of your servants and their witness. Thank you for the gift of Jesus, your word made flesh and for his commandments. Touch our hearts and our ears that we may hear you anew.**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

***Hymn: VU 376 Spirit Of The Living God**

Meditation: Prodigal

Prayers of the People:

The LORD's Prayer:

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering:

ONE: Mindful of all that God has done for us from the founding of the universe we bring forward the fruits of our labour and our being. We offer our time, talents, and our treasures, for the furthering of God's Holy Kingdom with joyful hearts.

Prayer of Dedication: (in unison)

ALL: Thank you, gentle Saviour, for accepting our gifts. Thank you for using them to serve your children near and far. Thank you for allowing us to be your agents of grace in the world. Amen.

*Hymn: VU 274 Your Hand O God Has Guided

*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 both 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.**

Postlude