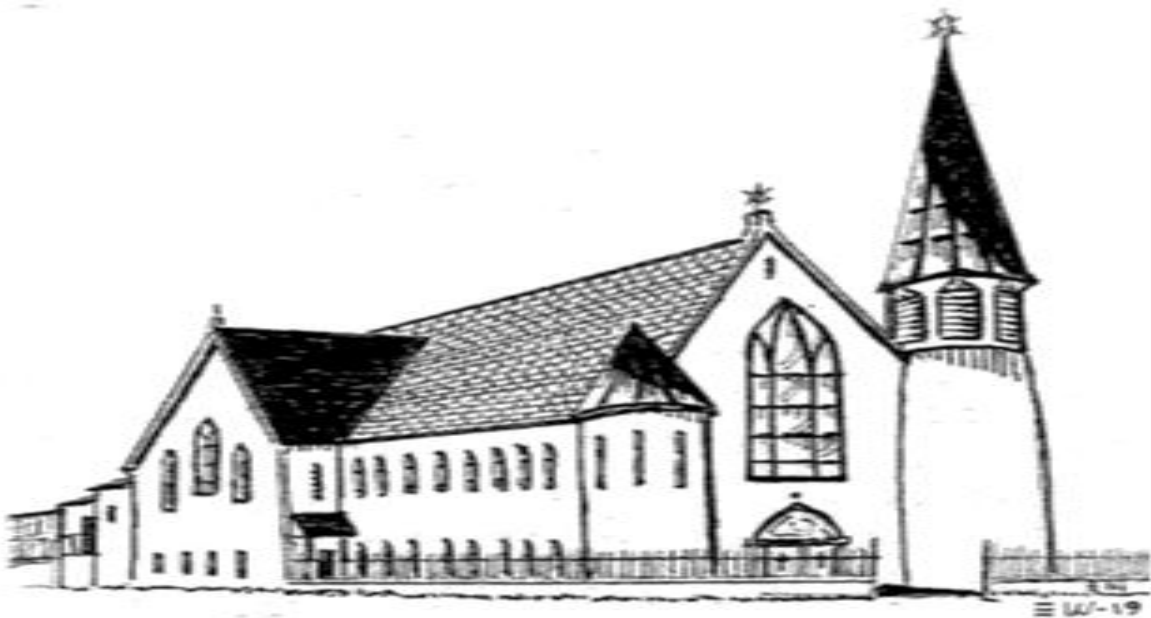


**GEORGE STREET UNITED  
CHURCH  
ROOTED IN THE ROCK:  
TRANSFORMING FOR TOMORROW**



**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Second 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 God! Come as chicks flock to their hen

ALL: **We come to your loving, protective shelter of outstretched wings. A sure and steady refuge against the heat of day or the cold of night. A vigilant and tender care that seeks our nourishment and our security. We praise you O Lord for your sheltering love and constant care. Amen**

\*Hymn: VU 327 All Praise To Thee

#### Opening Prayer: (in unison)

ALL: **God who sends us prophets to exhort us and correct us, send your prophets among us today. Let your Word and your words illuminate a better and more faithful way. Call us onto your Holy highways and quicken our feet that we may keep your pace. May our lives testify to your amazing grace and may we be channels of your peace in the world. Amen.**

#### Prayer Of Confession:

ONE: Let us examine ourselves in the light of God's truth and confess the darkness which seeks to alienate and estrange us from God's love.

**ALL:** You call out to us, O God, and yet we resist. You sent the prophets to us, and we strike them down. You invite us to life lived large and we hide in the shadows of a life long past. We reject the newness and crave the sameness. Forgive us our fearfulness and let the grace of your love fill us with courage to embrace the liberty you offer and the new life of the resurrected. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

**Children's Time:**

**\*Hymn:** VU 508 Just As I Am

**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.

Scriptures will be read this morning by Sam Saunders

**Hebrew Lesson:** Genesis 15: 1-7, 17-18  
**Responsive Lesson:** Psalm 27 VU pg. 745  
**Epistle Lesson:** Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

### **Musical Offering**

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 13: 31-35

**Sermon:** Blessed Is The One . . .

**\*Hymn:** VU 313 God Whose Almighty Word

**Prayers of the People:**  
**The LORD's Prayer:**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### **Minute For Mission:**

#### **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 427 To Show By Touch And Word

**\*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**