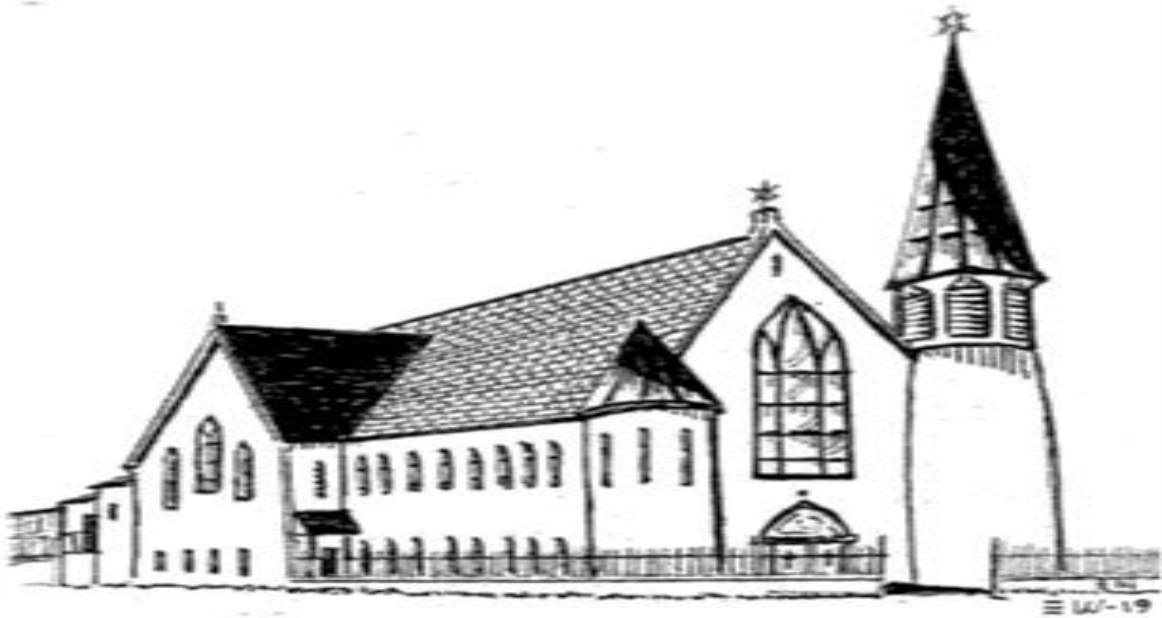


# GEORGE STREET UNITED CHURCH

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



**April 3rd, 2022**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent and Holy Communion**

**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 people of God, come into the Lord's Holy house, and sing praises to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

ALL: **Bless you, O Lord, and your Holy name forever! By your hand and out of your great love you created all that is, was and is yet to be. By your grace and your blood, you redeemed what was fallen and rescued what was lost. By your patience and your mercy, you instruct us and lead us into your Kingdom ways. Praise be to you and bless your Holy name forever.**

\*Hymn: VU 232 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Opening Prayer: (in unison)

ALL: **O Ancient of Days we come into your presence trusting in your mercy and your grace. Your love washes over us and surrounds us, it fills us to overflowing and it raises us up as on an eagle's wings. Train our hearts and minds to share this love with the world around us, help us to show the world that it is loved as deeply as we are loved. Let our hands and feet be yours and may we bring peace and healing to your people.**

\*Hymn: VU 460 All Who Hunger vv 1-2

**Celebrating The Sacrament of Holy Communion:    *service book***

**\*Hymn:    VU 460    All Who Hunger    v 3**

**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.

**Hebrew Lesson:**            Isaiah 43: 16-21  
**Responsive Lesson:**      Psalm 126 VU pg. 850  
**Epistle Lesson:**            Philippians 3: 4-14

**Musical Offering**

**Gospel Lesson:**            John 12: 1-8

**Sermon:**            You Do Not Always Have Me

**\*Hymn:    VU 147    What Wondrous Love Is This?**

**Prayers of the People:**

**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 684 Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace**

**\*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**