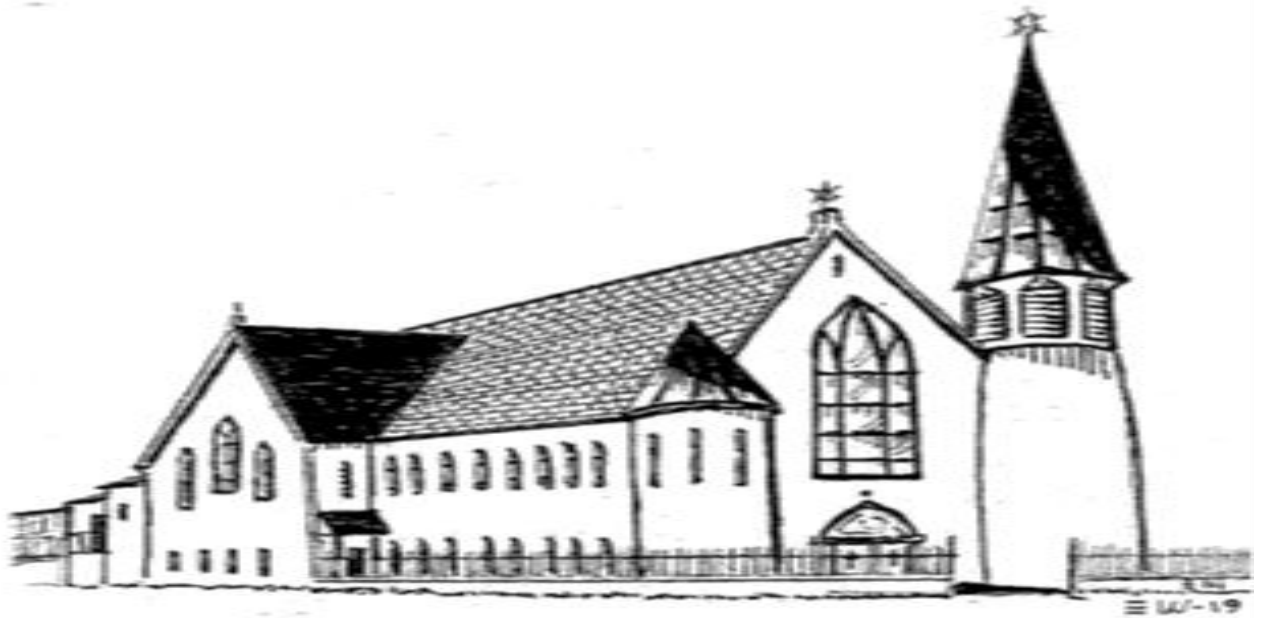


**GEORGE STREET UNITED  
CHURCH  
ROOTED IN THE ROCK:  
TRANSFORMING FOR TOMORROW**



**February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Fifth Sunday of Epiphany**

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

**Assistant Organist:**

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, gather, and sing praise for the Creator of Trees and shrubs!

ALL: **We thank you O God for all that you have created. We thank you for the tall and mighty Redwoods of British Columbia to the Tuckamores of Newfoundland and Labrador, for the many trees of many species and all the gifts they provide. We praise you for your thoughtfulness in blessing us with trees that shelter and trees that fruit. Amen.**

\*Hymn: VU 348 O Love, How Deep

#### Opening Prayer: (in unison)

ALL: You, O God, are the Lord who sustains and nurtures. By your hand our roots are sustained, though your grace we find our nourishment, in your world we grow and take shape. Under the banner of your love, we bear fruit, and we multiply. We thank you for your tender care and your practiced hand. Amen.

#### Prayer Of Confession:

ONE: Let us take a moment now to rest in the shadow of God and ask that the searcher of all hearts examine them and prune away unhealthy growth.

**ALL:** We grow O Lord, and we do not always pay attention to what or how we grow. We grow irritable and intemperate and sometimes we grow selfish and suspicious. Show us your ways and help us to lop off the branches and shoots that push us away from others and yourself. Teach us how we may encourage good and pleasant fruit for our neighbours and for generations of neighbours to come. Make us healthy. Make us whole. Teach us the way of the forest and how we can be stronger together. Renew our hearts and our spirits in Jesus' name. 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.

**\*Hymn:** VU 337 Blessed Assurance

**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.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20  
Responsive Lesson: Psalm 1 VU pg. 724  
Gospel Lesson: Luke 6: 17-26

### Musical Offering

Hebrew Lesson: Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Sermon: Rooted

\*Hymn: VU 286 If You Will Trust In God To Guide You

### 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 633 Bless Now O God The Journey

**\*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**