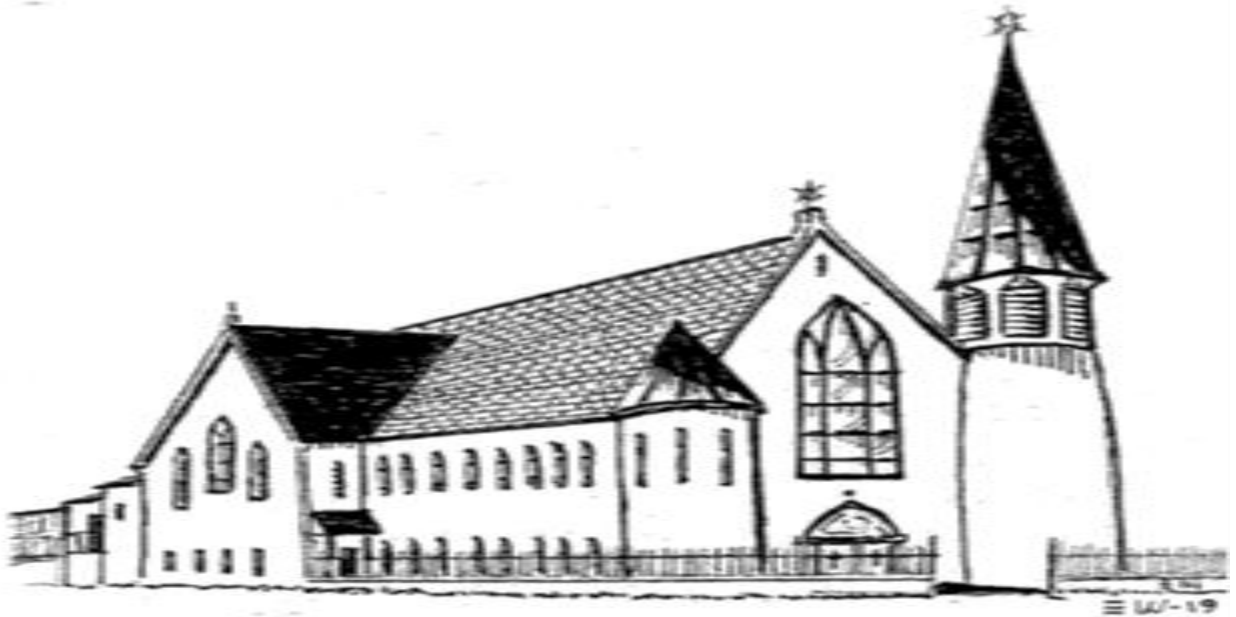


**GEORGE STREET UNITED  
CHURCH  
ROOTED IN THE ROCK:  
TRANSFORMING FOR TOMORROW**



**January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

**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

### Land Acknowledgement, Welcome, and Announcements:

### Sharing The Peace of Christ:

#### \*Call To Worship:

ONE: Come all you who have been outcast! Despised and rejected by friend or family, mocked, or scorned by the wider society, come, and find your place at the Lord's feet!

ALL: **Our God seeks what has been lost and redeems what has been abandoned. The God who creates is the God who restores. Join us in this holy sanctuary you who are created in the image and likeness of God and bless the Lord of all!**

\*Hymn: VU 660 How Firm A Foundation

#### Opening Prayer: (in unison)

ALL: **We still our minds and quiet our voices as we strive to hear you O Lord. We settle our hearts and ready our eyes seeking to perceive you in our worship and in those who have joined with us to worship. Shape us and mold us to be useful vessels and agents of your grace in the world. Come among us gentle Spirit and inspire us to service.**

#### Prayer Of Confession:

ONE: Let us turn away from the world and open our hearts and minds to God's corrective touch.

**ALL:** We tremble before you, O God. Mindful of the sins we can identify and fearful of those that we cannot see in ourselves or others. Help us to discern truly all that pushes us away from your loving embrace and make us presentable before you by the grace of Christ Jesus 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.

**\*Hymn:** VU 658 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

**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:** Jeremiah 1: 4-10

**Responsive Lesson:** Psalm 71 VU pg 789 (Part One)

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 4: 21-30

**Musical Offering:** By Choir Members

**Epistle Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 13

**Sermon:** What Love Is

**\*Hymn:** VU 333 Love Divine All Loves Excelling

**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 606 In Christ There Is No East Or West

**\*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.**

**Organ Postlude**