



WELCOME



Radical Hospitality • Spirituality
Social Justice • Risk Taking

The Hillhurst Affirming Statement

Hillhurst United Church is an inclusive community of faith that follows in the Way of Jesus under the banner “whoever you are, wherever you’re at, join us on the journey.”

We accept each other as we are and welcome the ministry and participation of all persons regardless of age, gender identity, gender expression, health, race, sexual orientation, differing abilities, religious or ethnic background or economic circumstance.

We hope that in all that we do, including our worship and community life, God’s unconditional love is experienced.

Today we gather on the traditional territory of the Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Nakoda (Stoney) and Tsuut’ina (Sarcee). We acknowledge their stewardship of this land and respect the history, spirituality and culture of the peoples with whom Treaty 7 was signed. The City of Calgary is also home to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship will all our relations.

ORDER OF SERVICE



Prelude: A New Song, by Ruth Elaine Schram
One: God be with you! All: And also with you!

Δ please stand in body or spirit

Welcome/News
Video

Opening Song: Like a Rock MV 92 Δ

Centering Prayer: Mother Earth, sacred breath, we give thanks for the air we breathe, the ground that sustains, the water that refreshes, the fire that warms, the life we share. We recommit to its care. Breathe with us as we centre ourselves in quiet . . .

Silent Meditation (A time for gratitude, confession, and reflection)

Lord’s Prayer (Sung): The Lord’s Prayer VU 959

Words of Hope

Passing of the Peace: If you are comfortable, greet those around you with a handshake or embrace saying “peace be with you” with the response of “and also with you.”

(KidSpace and Youth Group begin in lower level and gym)

Offering: Called By Earth and Sky MV 135

Dedication

Prayers of the Community: Alleluia MV 50

Anthem: For the Beauty of the Earth, by Ruth Elaine Schram

Scripture Reading: Selected Verses

Reflection: John Pentland

Closing Hymn: O Beautiful Gaia MV 41 Δ

Blessing

Postlude

THANK YOU! Thanks to the Music Team: Choir

THANKS FOR THE HOSPITALITY: Thanks to today’s greeters, those who served coffee and the volunteers who prepared our Community Lunch this week. Please come and enjoy.

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FIND YOUR PLACE

At Hillhurst we have so many things happening, we want to help you find your way in. Below are our ministry teams and their contact info. Everyone is welcome so please reach out and step into the spaces that inspire you the most. There is a place for you. More details at www.hillhurstunited.com.

AFFIRMING

LGBTQ2I+ events and support for individuals and their families.

affirming@hillhurstunited.com

DAYBREAK CONTEMPLATIVE

Wednesdays 7 - 8 am | Sanctuary

Contemplative experiences, art, and individual spiritual direction.

susan.cooper@hillhurstunited.com

EVERYDAY OUTREACH

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
1 -3 pm | Gym

Bringing food, conversation and clothing to anyone who would like to join us.

This program relies on donations from you gratefully received daily.

Contact: levey@ucalgary.ca

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Everyone welcome. Come meet others and share a meal on Sundays at noon.

Gluten free and vegetarian options available.

volunteer@hillhurstunited.com

KIDSPACE

Spiritual connection and family activities and events on Sunday and throughout the month for families & children of all ages.

kidspace@hillhurstunited.com

YOUTH GROUP

A community for grades 6 to 12 to explore spirituality on Sunday and Friday evenings.

anne.yates@hillhurstunited.com

MUSIC & CHOIR

Love to sing or play an instrument?

justin.macosky@hillhurstunited.com

THRIVE

Wednesdays 7 pm | Stage

Thrive is an inclusive space for people in their 20s and 30s to explore their spiritual journeys.

thrive@hillhurstunited.com

KNIT OR KNOT

Mondays 1 - 3 pm | Library

Would you like to knit or crochet prayer shawls? Prayer shawls are shared throughout the week bringing great comfort to those who need a “prayerful hug”. Everyone welcome.

Frances: fcjamieson9@hotmail.com

HOSPITALITY

Help us with Sunday services, baptisms, weddings, and a lot more!

volunteer@hillhurstunited.com

MARCH ON! SOCIAL ACTION GROUP

Expressing our social justice passions and concerns within the community!

volunteer@hillhurstunited.com

REFUGEE TEAM

Support the refugee program as we sponsor families and build friendships.

refugeeministryteam@hillhurstunited.com

RIGHT RELATIONS

Learn, support, and build respectful relationships with Aboriginal peoples.

right.relations@hillhurstunited.com

SPIRITUAL NURTURE

A safe place to explore your spirituality in diverse ways.

spiritual.nurture@hillhurstunited.com

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to join the HUC prayer team or have them pray for you, contact

prayer@hillhurstunited.com



WASHROOMS

All gender, wheelchair accessible washrooms are located at the back of the Heritage Room.



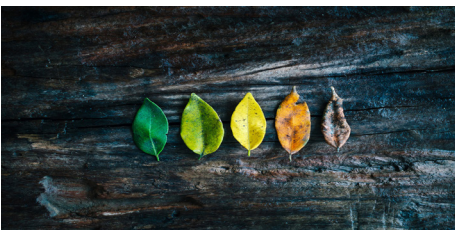
APRIL



Earth Day Bike Blessing
Sunday, April 22 | 10 am and Noon
Today is Earth Day! Ride your bike over and join us after the services. John will offer a bike blessing at 10am and noon.

Something Completely Different
Sunday, April 22 | 7 pm
Heritage Room
All LGBTQ+ identified (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) people are welcome for socializing, conversations around spirituality and space for connecting in this monthly gathering. You are welcome to come whether you attend Hillhurst or not! For more info or to get on our SCD email list for reminders of upcoming events and themes, contact Keith: keith.murray@hillhurstunited.com

Knit or Knot - Prayer Shawl Ministry
Monday, April 23 | 1-3 pm | Library
Prayer shawl ministry gathers to knit or crochet prayer shawls. Everyone welcome. Contact Frances: fcjamieson9@hotmail.com



+ Spiritual Nurture - Doing Death Well
Mondays through May 14 | 7 - 9 pm
Heritage Room
April 23: Christie Morden; Advance care planning
Apr 30: Funeral home tour
May 7: John Pentland; Planning your own funeral
May 14: Cheryl Millman; Managing grief.
Details at: dying-well.eventbrite.com

Right Relations Circle
Tuesday, April 24 | 7 pm
Heritage Room
Join us as we welcome Dr. Yvonne Poitras Pratt and Dr. Patricia Danyluk from the Werklund School of Education (University of Calgary). Yvonne and Patricia will be sharing their wisdom regarding reconciliation and diving deeper into the ideas of white privilege. Contact right.relations@hillhurstunited.com

Contemplative Ministry
Wednesday, April 25 | 7 - 8 am
Sanctuary
Teaching through song, silence and community. A growing and deepening experience welcomes you, led by Susan Cooper. Contact: susan.cooper@hillhurstunited.com

THRIVE
Wednesday, April 25 | 7 pm
Stage
Thrive is an inclusive space for people in their 20s and 30s to explore their spiritual journeys. Everyone is welcome to come for conversation, food and activities. Contact: thrive@hillhurstunited.com

Doodle

Youth Group - Wacky Group Games
Friday, April 27 | 6-9 pm
Hillhurst Gym
Water, duct tape, and blindfolds....what could go wrong? Come and join us for some wacky games and fun! Bring a friend! Open to youth grades 6-12. adults.

MAY
Parents of LGBTQ+ Individuals Social Group
Tuesday, May 1 | 7-9 pm
Kensington Pub, 207 - 10a Street NW
A child coming out at any age can be both joyous and difficult. We invite parents and guardians of LGBTQ+ people to join us at Kensington Pub for a parent-led conversation. We create a space where parents can share, connect, ask questions and support each other in a casual setting. All are welcome. RSVP to keith.murray@hillhurstunited.com

Imperfect Parent's Group
Tuesday, May 1
7 - 8:30 pm | Gym Stage
Join us in a safe place as we explore parenting doubts and challenges and Brene Brown's "Gifts of Imperfection". Open to any parents who feel the weight of their imperfection. To register or learn more contact jennshehata@gmail.com

Narnia
Friday, May 4 | 7 pm
Saturday, May 5 | 2 & 7 pm
Sunday, May 6 | 2 pm
Sanctuary
Each year, since 2006, Hillhurst United Church stages a major musical production featuring an inter-generational cast and crew. We come together for five months of singing, dancing and creating community while delivering quality, family entertainment. This year, Hillhurst is proud to present Narnia the Musical, based on C.S. Lewis's beloved tale, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Tickets for the May 4, 5 and 6 performances are selling fast so be sure to get yours before or after services or from www.hillhurstunited.com

Confirmation Class
May 10 - May 12 | Hillhurst
Confirmation classes are an opportunity for inquisitive students in grades 10 through 12 to get together for some fun, engaging conversations about social and spiritual issues important to them. Attendance at all classes is mandatory. Class times: May 10 | 7-9 pm: Hard Questions with John Pentland
May 11 | 7-9 pm: Enneagram
May 12 | 9-3 pm: Visit Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist Temples and Muslim Mosque. To register or learn more contact anne.yates@hillhurstunited.com

KidSpace: Messy Church
Saturday, May 12 | 5-7 pm | Gym
Join us for what promises to be our messiest messy church to date! We are doing some large canvas art using squirt bottles, water balloons and even a rubber mallet or two! To add to the excitement, we have a special guest that will come and make super awesome slime with us! You do not want to miss out on the fun! Burgers with all the fixings are provided for dinner, please bring a side to share if you can. Sign up through Sign Up Genius on the Hillhurst website. We hope to see you there!

+ Spiritual Nurture Workshop with Bruce Sanguin
Saturday, May 19 | 9:30 am - 1:45 pm
Heritage Room
The historical debate over whether Jesus was human, divine, or both, was really about us, says author and spiritual teacher Bruce Sanguin. Mystics throughout the ages have known this but it threatened the institution of church. Join Bruce for this experiential workshop, in which we will explore our own Christ nature and the primary obstacles to full realization. Register at: bruce-sanguin-workshop.eventbrite.com

JUNE
Imperfect Parent's Group
Tuesday, June 5
7 - 8:30 pm | Gym Stage
Join us in a safe place as we explore parenting doubts and challenges and Brene Brown's "Gifts of Imperfection". Open to any parents who feel the weight of their imperfection. To register or learn more contact jennshehata@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER
Queer Couple's Weekend
September 28-30 | Hillhurst
Save the date! Details Coming Soon

NOVEMBER
Women's Retreat
November 2-4 | FCJ Centre, Calgary
Join us for a weekend together as we "play" with different spiritual practices. All are welcome (Moms, not-yet-moms, never will be moms, trans women, genderqueer women, non-binary people ad all who identify on the LGBTQ+ spectrum)! Contact: anne.kleffner@haskayne.ucalgary.ca



SUNDAY COMMUNITY LUNCHES are an important way we come together to get to know each other and play. Each meal costs approx. \$300. **HELP US** by sponsoring all or part of a lunch, or by volunteering your time to shop, cook and serve the meal. Contact volunteer@hillhurstunited.com or visit SignUpGenius on the website.



Lori Follis paints sets for Narnia!



VOLUNTEER & GET INVOLVED
We value the contributions of our volunteers. We couldn't run our programs or services without your support. Please consider stepping in to volunteer. To receive emails about current opportunities or to step in to one of the following vacancies, email: volunteer@hillhurstunited.com

KidSpace Volunteers Needed
Do you love kids? Would you like to volunteer in KidSpace? We are looking for energetic and enthusiastic volunteers to help out on Sunday mornings, in our classes. You will be able to choose when and how often you volunteer. Please contact Anne Yates-Laberge if you would like to know more about this exciting opportunity. ilinca.poon@hillhurstunited.com

Sunday Community Lunch
Lead, fund or contribute to the preparation and cleanup of a Sunday meal.

Communications
We are looking for several volunteers to help contribute to Sunday communications:
- Create and run Worship PowerPoint presentations
- Create short videos to tell the Hillhurst story and post to social media
- Videotape Sunday service and post them to the web

Human Resources
Do you have human resource skills and experience? Join our Ministry & Personnel Committee to help guide Hillhurst's human resources

Would you like to volunteer to help the women and children at the Women's Shelter in our neighbourhood?
They rely on free bread donations from Cobs and need a driver on Wednesday evenings from 8:45 - 9:15 pm to pick up bread from Cobs on 10th Street NW (across from the Kensington Safeway) and deliver it to the Brenda Stafford Society on 14 Street NW. To volunteer, contact Steve Wigglesworth: swigglesworth@me.com

Refugee Team
Celestine (Zach) Muhire was sponsored as a refugee by Hillhurst United Church. His brother Olivier, aunt Chantelle, and cousins Robert and Jimmy have recently joined him in Calgary as government sponsored refugees. They've just moved into a house together and need some household items, including: a snow shovel, 6 bath towels, 2 sets of queen-sized sheets, 3 warm blankets, a small desk and chair, a vacuum cleaner and 2 bedside lamps. They also need some school supplies: 4 each of: backpacks, water bottles, no-spill Thermos mugs and/or gift certificates for food or clothing stores (such as Superstore, Walmart or Value Village). If you can provide some of these items (new or gently used), email don.workman.dw@gmail.com

Board Member Election
Want to learn more about becoming a Board member at Hillhurst United Church? We are interested in hearing from you. This year we are especially looking for people to share their talents and experience in Accounting/Finance, Human Resources, Fund Development, Communications, and Commercial Building Management. Contact us for information or to put your name forward for consideration by May 1: office@hillhurstunited.com