

FORT MASSEY CHURCH

~ where life and faith meet ~

The Gathering @ 10:30 a.m., 13th May 2012

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Christian Family Sunday

ORDER of SERVICE

We strive to be a scent free and nut free space.

* Please stand in body or spirit. "T" setting for audio loop.

MINUTE FOR THE ORGAN Antonio Vivaldi – *Pierre Perron*

ORGAN PRELUDE Domine Deus, Agnus Dei (from GLORIA) Vivaldi
Kevin Robarts, flute Pierre Perron, organ

***ENTRY INTO WORSHIP** (The bell is rung three times and the community candle is lit)

***OPENING HYMN** Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU 232

***OPENING SENTENCES**

*We live at mystery's edge
watching for a startling luminescence or a word to guide us.*

**In fragile occurrence the Holy One
presents oneself and we must pause...**

*Daily, there are glimmers, reflections of a seamless mercy
revealed in common intricacies.*

**These circles of grace spill out around us
and announce that we are part of this mystery.**

***ACT OF AWARENESS**

***THE PEACE** *The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

HALIFAX PRESBYTERY REPORT – *Elliott Prouty*

MINUTE FOR MISSION – *Carol Sinclair*

OFFERING

Offertory:

* Offertory Response: Grant Us, God, the Grace MV 540

CHILDREN'S TIME "To Be Invited"

PRAYER

PRAYER OF JESUS The Lord's Prayer VU 921

***PRAYER HYMN** Faith of Our Fathers/Mothers VU 580

SILENCE

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM Laudamus Te (from GLORIA) Vivaldi
Valerie Bellamy & Shannon Lawson, duo sopranos

READINGS The Prophet on "Children" by Kahil Gibran
The Bible, Proverbs 31:25-31

CONTEMPORARY WORD Modern Day Family – *Rev. Trent*

LITANY IN PRAISE OF THE FEMININE – *Alison McDonald*

Mother God

Spirit-filled Woman

Source of all living things

Wm It was you who breathed life into me.

In your likeness I was formed.

**The darkness of your sacred womb enwraps me
in the silence of the Holy One**

*Your creative energy pulsates through
every fibre of my being.*

Wm You birth forth life within me.

Your abundance continues to sustain my very being.

You carry me close to your heart

And sing your song of love to me.

You hold me close to your heart

And sing your song of love to me.

Wm You hold me close to you and comfort me.

Cradled in your arms, I am at peace.

Wm You bathe me with life-giving waters of your giftedness.

Reflected in your eyes is my dignity as woman.

You nurture me and guide me

To proclaim my sacredness as woman of God

You call me forth to image your compassion, love and joy

To a broken world.

Wm Together we dance life's passionate song.

*CLOSING HYMN She Flies On VU 380

*BLESSING WORDS

ORGAN POSTLUDE Gloria in excelsis Deo (from GLORIA) Vivaldi

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Welcome to Fort Massey by~the~sea. **Happy Mother's Day** to our moms.

Visitors are invited to sign our Guest Book and fill out a **Welcome Card** at the left of the main doors upon exiting the nave, leaving it with the guest book. Children are welcome to remain with their families or join their peers in either the Church School or Nursery. Please join us after the Service for **Coffee & Conversation** where your hosts will be mother and daughter, *Angie & Lin Ngu*.

Fare Thee Well to *Sophie Wang* who has served in our choir while at university. She leaves us to do further post-graduate work here in Canada.

Happy Anniversary to *Tim & Linda Dean* who celebrated their 50th yesterday at home with family and friends.

Thank you to all those who supported the Silent Auction last night. A special word of appreciation to *Kathy Cochrane*.

HRM Grandmothers 3rd Annual Walk "Stride to Turn the Tide" June 3, 2 - 3 p.m. beginning and ending at Victoria Park, Spring Garden Rd. Registration (\$5.00) 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA South Park St. This is a fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundation in support of African grandmothers raising grandchildren orphaned by the pandemic AIDS.

Perennial Plant Sale First Baptist Church, 1300 Oxford Street, Halifax, May 19, 9 to 12.

The annual Camp Kidston cleanup weekend is scheduled for Saturday May 26 with a rain date of Sunday May 27.

At the Kirk this week...

Today	3-4 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Mon	11-1	Church Hall	South End Playgroup
Mon	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Mon	6:30-8:30 pm	Lower Hall	Creative Expressions with Bryony House
Tue	10 am	Jean Cudmore's	Women's Coffee Group
Tue	10 am-12noon	Lower Hall	Home School Group
Tue	6 pm	Gym	Men's Basketball
Wed	10-11:30 am	Church Hall	Japanese Playgroup
Wed	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Thu	10:30 am	The Berkeley	Spirit Connectors
Thu	11am -1pm	Lower Hall	Weight Watchers
Thu	6 pm	Gym	Men's Floor Hockey
Thu	7 pm	Minister's Study	Confirmation Class
Thu	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Choir Practice
Fri	9:30 am, May 25	Cousin's Restaurant	Last Men's Breakfast
Fri	10-11:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Fri	6-7 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Sun	10 am	Sanctuary	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	10:30 am	Sanctuary	The Gathering
Sun	10:30 am	Church Hall	Church School & Nursery
Sun	11:30 am	Lower Hall	Coffee & Conversation

Coming Up...

Membership. We will be accepting new members on Pentecost Sunday, May 27. Contact the minister at 423.4294 or fmminister@eastlink.ca

Strawberry Social, Sunday, June 24, after the Service. We will need strawberries (cut & sugared), biscuits, whipping cream, and mixers. A sign-up sheet is located in the Tobin St. lobby.

Leadership in our Community

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Minister
Robert Bossler, Student Minister
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator
Sancia Knorr, SS Co-ordinator
Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk of Session
Alan G. Hayman, Senior Trustee
Irene Parks, UCW President
Colleen Estabrooks, M&S Enthusiast
Linda Dean, Nominating Chair

Pierre Perron, Music Director
John Walter, Assistant Organist
Kevin Roberts, Flutist
Leah Collins Lipsett, Accompanist
Elaine Janson, Nursery
John Gillis, Board Chair
Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer
Ian MacDonald & Elliott Prouty, Presbytery Reps
H. Douglas Ritcey, Honorary Elder
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher

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