

Fort Massey Church

Watching over Halifax Harbour since 1871

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada

The Sunday Gathering @ 10:30 a.m., 12th May 2013

EASTER VII

Christian Family Sunday



ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

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| ORGAN PRELUDE | Monologue XII | Joseph Rheinberg |
| OPENING WORDS | Bell is rung 3X, Community Candle is lit | |
| *OPENING HYMN | God Made from One Blood Alternate Tune VU 223 <i>ST DENIO</i> | VU 554 |
| ACT OF AWARENESS | | |
| THE PEACE | <i>The Joy of God, Peace of Christ, and Spirit of Life, be with you all. And also with you.</i> | |
| WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY | | |
| MINUTE FOR MISSION | – Alison McDonald | |
| OFFERINGS | <u>Offertory</u> : Träumerei (Dreaming) from “Scenes from Childhood” Op. 15 Robert Schumann Kevin Robarts, Flute; Leah Collins Lipsett, Piano | |

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| * | Response: | VU 541 |
| | Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God, all creatures high and low; Give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One. Amen. | |
| ON THE CHANCEL STEPS | “My Family Crest” | |
| PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS | | |
| *CHILDREN’S SONG | Who Is My Mother | MV 178 |
| PASTORAL PRAYER | – Heather Ferrier | |
| ANTHEM | Blessing and Honour “A nod to Ascension Day” | Metthias Keller |
| READINGS | Excerpt from Robert Fulghum “From Beginning to End” I Samuel 1: 4-7; 21-23 | |
| SERMON | <u>Paying Tribute to Mothers</u> – Rev. Trent | |
| *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | A New Creed | VU 918 |
| *CLOSING HYMN | Would You Bless Our Homes and Families Alternate Tune VU 232 <i>HYMN TO JOY</i> | VU 556 |
| *PARTING WORDS | A Prayer for Homes and Families | VU 557 |
| *BLESSING | | |
| POSTLUDE | Nocturne in E minor Op. 72 Kevin Robarts, Piano | Frédéric Chopin |

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We Welcome You! Happy Mother’s Day to our moms on this *Christian Family Sunday*. A special welcome to our **visitors**. Please sign our Guest Book and join us for **Coffee & Conversation** after the Service in the lower hall. Your hosts: *Irene Parks & Leslie Pezzack*. If you’re looking for a church home, please fill out a **Welcome Card** with the guest book. Thank you for helping us create a **scent free** space and a **nut free** environment.

Ascension Day was on May 9th. It is the day scripture claims that the resurrected Jesus was taken up to heaven in his resurrected body in the presence of eleven of his apostles, occurring 40 days after the resurrection.

At the Kirk...

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| Today | 3-4 pm | Lower Hall | Choi Kwang Do |
| Mon | 11 am -1 pm | Church Hall | South End Playgroup |
| Mon | 3:30 pm | Lower Hall | Acupuncture Class |
| Mon | 7 pm | Lower Hall | Argentine Tango |
| Tue | 10 am | Carol Sinclair's | Women's Coffee Group |
| Tue | 7 pm | Knox UC, Lr. Sackville | Halifax Presbytery |
| Tue | 7 pm - | <i>Jenny's yoga resumes on Tuesday nights in June & July</i> | |
| Tue | 7 pm | Sanctuary | Choral Group Practice |
| Wed | 10 am | Lower Hall | Japanese Playgroup |
| Wed | 3:30 am | Lower Hall | Acupuncture Class |
| Wed | 7 pm | Lower Hall | Argentine Tango |
| Thu | 7:30 pm | Sanctuary | Choir Practice |
| Thu | 7:30 | Lower Hall | Argentine Tango drop-in |
| Fri | 9:30 am | Cousin's Restaurant | Last Men's Breakfast |
| Fri | 6-7 pm | Lower Hall | Choi Kwang Do |
| Sat | 6:30-9 pm | Lower Hall | Roller Derby Meeting |
| Sun | 10:30 am | Sanctuary | The Sunday Gathering |
| PENTECOST SUNDAY | | | |
| Sun | 10:45 am | Church Hall | Church School & Nursery |
| Sun | 11:30 am | Lower Hall | Victorian Tea @ FM Abbey |
| Sun | 3-4 pm | Lower Hall | Choi Kwang Do |

May Birthdays... 20th- Marie Clouter, 21st- Alan Parker, 31st- Lilli Knorr

Coming Up...

May 26, 10:30 am, *Layperson's Sunday*

June 1, 7 pm, *Roller Derby Game*, Shannon Park Arena, Dartmouth

June 23, 11:30 am, *Strawberry Social*

Oct 26, Moderator's Visit. The Right Rev'd Dr. *Gary Paterson*, will lead in a Service at Fort Massey Church in conjunction with the UCC intercultural conference, BEHOLD.

Leadership in our Community

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor
Heather Ferrier, Student Minister
Robert Bossler, Assistant to the Minister
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator
Sancia Knorr, Church School
Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session
Alasdair Sinclair, OFM, Clerk Emeritus
Alan G. Hayman, OFM, Senior Trustee
Irene Parks, UCW President
Colleen Estabrooks, M&S Enthusiast
H. Douglas Ritcey, OFM, Honorary Elder

Simon Abbott, Organist & Choir Director
John Walter, Assistant Organist
Leah Collins Lipsett, Pianist & Jr. Choir Director
Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Maddy Spicer, Assistant Administrator
Elaine Janson, Nursery
John Gillis, Board Chair
Ruth MacKenzie, Chief Steward
Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer
Ian MacDonald & Elliott Prouty, Presbytery Reps
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher
Martina Sommer, Facilities Rental Manager

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Fair Trade Bazaar 2013 ~ TODAY ~ 10am-5pm ~ Victoria Park, Halifax Celebrate Mother's Day and World Fair Trade Day by supporting local Nova Scotian businesses that practice ethical, global trade.

The Choir and Handbell Ringers of St. John's United Church, Halifax, is presenting "To God Be The Glory" - a Celebration of Creativity in Music, Art and Photography- TONIGHT - 7 p.m. The Lilian Piercey Concert Hall @ The Maritime Conservatory. \$10. Reception to follow.

Perennial Plant Sale, May 18, 9 am - 12 pm, First Baptist Church Halifax.

Victorian Tea @ Fort Massey Abbey, Sunday, May 19, 11:30 am. Check out the sign-up sheet on the easel board in the Tobin St. lobby for a list of food and helpers needed.

Camp Kidston Maintenance Day, May 25. Rain Date, May 26.

Scrabble afternoon & Silent Auction, May 25. 2-4:30 pm, registration at 1:30, at the First Baptist Church, 1300 Oxford Street. Proceeds to the *Stephen Lewis Foundation*. Organized by three Grandmothers groups in HRM.

Choral Concert by the women's vocal ensemble *Riversong* at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax, 1 June 2013, 7.30 pm. \$15 for organ fund. *Riversong* has been invited to perform at Festival 500 in St John's, NL.

Invitation. Friends of *Doug Ritcey* are invited to his 95th birthday party on June 8 in Lunenburg County. Invitations are in the Tobin St. lobby.

Canadian Centre for Progressive Christianity Conference, Aug 15-17, SMU Campus, Halifax. <www.progressivechristianity.ca>

Billets. Behold!, a national UCC inter-cultural conference, Oct 24-27, in Halifax, is looking for people helping to billet our visitors. Contact *Doreen Crick* @ 443.2993 or <rdcrick@eastlink.ca>.