

Proverbs 8:22-32 Adapted as a Responsive Reading

BEHOLD! Youth and the Rev'd Robyn Brown-Hewitt

One: I was created at the beginning.
I was created as the beginning.
In the beginning there was Love.

**ALL: Before the springs abounded with water.
Before the mountains were given their shape.
Before the earth, the hills and the fields.**

One: Love drew a circle on the face of the deep.

ALL: Love drew a circle and imagined...

One: ...the stars in the heavens!

ALL: Love drew a circle and imagined...

One: ...the blue of the skies!

ALL: Love drew a circle and imagined...

One: ...the fountains of the deep!

ALL: Love drew a circle and imagined...

One: ...the teeming life upon the earth!

**ALL: We were created at the beginning.
We were created as the beginning.
In the beginning there was Love!
And Love delighted in the human race.
And Love delighted in the human face.**

ALL: Love drew a circle and delights in...

Individual Voices: ...Me!

One: Come now children, and listen!

ALL: Happy are those who follow the voice of Love!

One: Come now, people, and sing!

HYMN

“All people that on earth do dwell”
(verses 1 & 3 sung in English; 2 & 4 en francais)

VU822

BEHOLD!

An eclectic liturgy of song, poetry & word
with the Moderator of The United Church of Canada
the Right Reverend Dr. Gary Paterson
and the Halifax Music Co-op Orchestra,
John Bogardus, Music Director

7:30 pm, Saturday, October 26, 2013

Fort Massey by-the-Sea

*A Congregation of The United Church of Canada
Watching over Halifax Harbour since 1871*

~ transforming God to a verb ~

BEWARE!

*Here we practice the inclusive Gospel of Jesus, Christ.
This means that you may be gathering with
Tax collectors, thieves, adulterers, hypocrites,
Women and men, Gays and lesbians,
the disabled, the dying;
Native Canadians, French Canadians,
Asians, Blacks and other ethnic minorities;
Religious zealots, bigots, heretics, agnostics, atheists,
Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and
strangers from foreign lands—
Anyone like those with whom Jesus met.
So beware, this is not an exclusive club.
We welcome you all!*

(adapted from Kenneth Leech, St. Botolph's, Aldgate, London)

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ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE

The Trinity Bell is sounded & Community Candle is lit.

*CALL TO GATHER

The Rev'd Matthew Fillier, Waverley PC
responsively

Let us join the praises of God. Come, let us sing to God!
From East and West
From North and South, Come, Come, let us sing to God!
With those who have gone before us,
With those who come to join us,
With those who will come after us. Come, let us sing to God!
Come angel and come visitor.
Come now and be our guest!
Come Jesus from your dwelling place
Come here and take your rest. Come, let us sing to God!
Surround these walls with faith and love
That through the nights and days
When human tongues from speaking cease
These walls may echo praise! Come, let us sing to God!

*OPENING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

VU 660

*THE PEACE

The Rev'd Kevin Little, St. Andrew's PC
Peace be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME

Ms. Heather Ferrier, Student Minister, Fort Massey PC

INTRODUCTION OF THE MODERATOR

The Rev'd Dr. Linda Yates,
Chairperson, Halifax Presbytery

POETRY

KIN_DOM WITHOUT WALLS
by Cynthia Langston Kirk
Ms. Krista Anderson, Intern Minister, Grace PC

*HYMN

Oh a Song Must Rise

MV 142

POETRY

"My Sail Is Not Still" by Seumas MacGhrioghair
The Rev'd Phillip Kennedy, Woodlawn PC

HYMN

I Feel the Winds of God Today

VU625

OFFERINGS

This evening's offering is for the M&S Fund

* Offertory Hymn
Offertory Response

Will your anchor hold
May We Share

VU 675
anonymous, alt. gretta vosper
Tune: *Stuttgart*

**May we share the grace of living, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.**

*RESPONSIVE READING	<i>BEHOLD!</i> Youth	BACK COVER
*HYMN	All People That On Earth Do Dwell (verses 1 & 3 sung in English; 2 & 4 en français)	VU822
PSAUME 23	Ms. Muriel Rosevear, Fort Massey PC	
<i>L'Éternel est mon berger Même si je marche dans la vallée, La vallée de l'ombre de la mort, Tu dresses devant moi une table en face de mes adversaires Tous les jours de ma vie, Jusqu'à la fin de mes jours, L'Éternel est mon berger</i>	Je ne manquerai de rien! Je ne manquerai de rien! Je ne manquerai de rien! Je ne manquerai de rien! Je ne manquerai de rien! Je ne manquerai de rien!	
HYMN	Je louerai l'éternel	MV57
PRAYER	The Rev'd Jeanne Manning-Stright, St. Paul's PC	
PRAYER OF JESUS		VU 921
HYMN	The Day Thou Gavest	VU438
SCRIPTURE READING	Gospel according to Matthew 15:21-28 The Rev'd Meggin King, President, Maritime Conference	
	<i>Offered as wisdom for the journey.</i> May we walk in its light.	
*HYMN	Draw the circle wide	MV145
SERMON	The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Gary Paterson, Moderator	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	A New Creed	VU 918
*CLOSING HYMN	Go to the world	VU420
*PARTING WORDS	Gaelic Prayer said by fishers before leaving port Lord, ere we go, to Thee we trust our all Thy sea is mighty, our boat is small.	
*BLESSING	The Rev'd Ivan Gregan, Port Wallis PC	
POSTLUDE		

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Welcome to Fort Massey by~the~sea. A warm welcome to participants from the *BEHOLD! Conference*, Halifax Presbytery congregations, and to those who are with us from other denominations and faiths. We are delighted to have you joining us at this special Gathering with our Moderator. Our appreciation to the Rev'd Ivan Gregan, GC Commissioner, for organizing tonight's Service. A reception hosted by the UCW will follow immediately after the Service in the church hall.