

# Fort Massey by-the-Sea

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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ 10:30 am, May 11, 2014

## Christian Family Sunday

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor  
John Walter, Assistant Organist  
Kevin Robarts, Flutist  
Ian MacDonald, Tech Support  
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher  
Janna Janson, Nursery  
Linda MacDonald, Nominating  
Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session  
Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk Emeritus  
Alan G. Hayman, Senior Trustee  
H. Douglas Riteey, Honorary Elder  
Irene Parks, UCW President  
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Simon Abbott, Organist & Music Director  
Leah Collins Lipsett, Pianist & Jr. Choir Director  
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons  
Colleen Estabrooks, M&S Enthusiast  
Sancia Knorr, Church School  
Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator  
Maddy Spicer, Assistant Administrator  
John Gillis, M&P Chair  
Ruth MacKenzie, Chief Steward  
Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer  
Ian MacDonald & Elliott Prouty, Presbyters  
Martina Sommer, Facilities Rental Manager  
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## ORDER of SERVICE

\* indicates standing for those who are able

### PRELUDE

Excerpts from *French Suite no. 4* — J.S. Bach

Ringing of the Trinity bell and lighting of the Community candle

### OPENING WORDS

#### \*OPENING HYMN

Lift Up Your Voice in Song

INSERT

#### \*THE PEACE

*May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

### WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** “Birthing a Future” – Sharon Ross

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

I Have Called You by Your Name

MV 161

\* Standing as the offering plates are brought forward.

**CHILDREN’S TIME** with the *Sunday’s Cool Crowd*

### PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS

\*HYMN Love Is the Touch (Alternate Tune: Oldham VU 624) MV 89

## SILENCE & PRAYER

ANTHEM Laudate Dominum — Mozart (*Valerie Bellamy*, soprano)

READINGS “Living a Life that Matters” (excerpt) by Rabbi Kushner  
Genesis 37: 12-18  
*Offered as wisdom for the journey. May we walk in its light.*

SERMON Pieces of the Puzzle

\*AFFIRMATION A New Creed VU 918

\*CLOSING HYMN When We Are Little, Hurt and Lost INSERT

## PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary — Birnhausen  
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Welcome to Fort Massey. *Happy Mother's Day* to all our moms. We are delighted to have you joining us today. You are invited to sign our **Guest Book**; if you're looking for a church home, please fill out a **Welcome Card** at the left of the main doors upon exiting the nave, leaving it with the guest book. Please join us after the Service for **Coffee & Conversation** in the lower hall. **Hosts** today are *Simon Abbott & friends*.

Elder Election. Elders are those persons of the Congregation who are chosen by the congregation for their wisdom, caring, spiritual discernment and other gifts of the Spirit, and to whom the responsibility of leadership is entrusted within Fort Massey. Elders at Fort Massey are elected by members of the congregation, voting by mail ballot. All members are eligible to become elders, and all members are eligible to vote in the election. Those who receive the most votes are asked if they are prepared to serve as elders. The ballots will be available today, and the close of the voting will be June 1st.

## This Week @ the fort ...

- *Women's Coffee Group*, Tue, 10 AM, *Sharon Ross*
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tue, 7 PM, Lower Hall
- *Spirit Connectors*, Thu, 10:30 am, Green St. Berkeley
- *Choir Practice*, Thu, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- *Tea & Tango*, Sat, 2-3:30 PM, Lower Hall

Victorian Tea, Sunday, May 18, 11:30 AM, Fort Massey Church Lower Hall. Sign-up sheet for ingredients is posted in the Tobin St. lobby. **Bluenose Marathon** is also on Sunday, May 18. Best to give yourselves an extra 5 or 10 minutes, using Spring Garden Rd as your access street crossing into downtown and to Fort Massey.

Book Shelves. We would like to turn the "book room" into a library for the use of the congregation during the year and so are asking for bookcases to be donated so that we can get the books that we keep on shelves and off the floor. When we finish sorting we will declare the library open and invite you in to take a look.