

# The Sunday Gathering

10:30 am, June 7, 2015

Union & Environment Sunday

## Fort Massey by-the-Sea

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada  
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### ORDER *of* SERVICE

\* indicates standing for those who are able

#### PRELUDE

**SILENT REFLECTION** The Trinity Bell is rung & the Community Candle is lit.

#### INTROIT

A Light Is Gleaming (Refrain only)

VU 82

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout  
the night, living in the light. Come share its gladness,  
God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.**

#### GATHERING WORDS

*This is the day that God has made.*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

This Is the Day

MV 122

#### \*THE PEACE

*The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

#### WELCOME & THE NOTICES

Conference Report – Ian & Linda MacDonald

#### MINUTE FOR MISSION

“The Art of Embrace” – Sharon Ross

#### OFFERINGS

Offertory

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Response:

**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**

VU 541

TIME WITH THE SUNDAY'S COOL CROWD

“It’s not *easy* being green”

\*HYMN

Rejoice in the Lord Always

VU 249

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYER OF JESUS

\*HYMN

Miracle of Life

Tune: *HYMN TO JOY* VU 232

**Miracle of life unfolding, dazzling to our watching eyes,  
far beyond full comprehension, secrets of the earth and sky.  
Each advance of understanding  
each new piece of knowledge gained  
leaves the soul amazed and humbled,  
child-like wonder yet remains.**

**Nature teams with life abundant, stunning in variety,  
shape and size and colour diff’ring, wondrous in complexity.  
From a high, majestic mountain  
to the contours of a shell,  
Life has much to teach of diff’rence,  
Rich we are to learn it well.**

**Filled with joy we stand in wonder at the life in which we share.  
Gratefully we find our spirits sensing glory everywhere.  
Sun and moon and tiny creature  
in their beauty stir the heart,  
leading us to sacred duty,  
call us well to do our part.**

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READING

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

*Offered as wisdom for the journey.*

**May we walk in its light.**

SERMON

The Church Out Front – Rev. Trent

AFFIRMATION

A New Creed

VU 918

\*CLOSING HYMN

You Shall Go Out with Joy

VU 884

\*PARTING WORDS

*Amen. May it be so.*

POSTLUDE

Arabesque No. 1 – Claude Debussy

*Kevin Roberts, piano*

“Dedicated to a long-time friend of Fort Massey Church and our favourite pianist, Leah”

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**Welcome** to Fort Massey! We are delighted to have you joining us today. A special welcome to our **visitors**; you are invited to sign our Guest Book. If you’re looking for a church home, please fill out a **Welcome Card** leaving it with the guest book. Join us after the Service in the music room for a **Farewell Reception** hosted by the *Music Committee*. After nearly six years, our pianist, Leah Collins Lipsett, will be moving back to BC later this summer. We give thanks for her ministry of music and her time with us at Fort Massey. **The flowers** in the chancel today are placed in loving memory of H. Douglas Ritcey (June 8, 1918-June 10, 2014) by his son, *Andrew Ritcey*.

**Givings.** Summer is coming! Please review your envelope givings for this year; or you may want to consider the advantages of PAR (Preauthorized Automatic Remittance). Contact *Ruth MacKenzie @ 902.477.5365. Thank you.*

**\$400 is our goal** in June to raise funds for the Ratlam School Project. Shivani's tuition is due in July. Please mark *Ratlam* on your envelope. Thank you.

### **This week**

- *Music Survey*, due **Today**.
- *Farewell Gathering for Leah*, **Today**, 11:30 AM, Music Room
- *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Richard & Carol Robinson*, **Today**, 2-4 PM, Lower Hall – Congratulations Carol & Richard
- *65<sup>th</sup> Birthday for Mary (Ritcey) MacLeod*, **Today**, 2-6 PM, 11 Capri Ct, Dart.
- *Annual Joe Howe BBQ*, **Tue**, 2 PM, Joe Howe Manor
- *YOGA with Jenny*, **Tue**, 7 PM, Lower Hall
- *Halifax Presbytery*, **Tue**, 7 PM, Rockingham United
- *90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Church Union*, UC bells ring, **Wed**, 10:30 AM
- *Lunch out at Pete's Vineyard*, **Thu**, Annapolis Valley  
Sign-up to reserve. Let us know if you need/can offer a ride.
- *Communion*, **Next Sunday**, June 14, 10:30 AM, Sanctuary

### **In the community...**

**Taizé Prayer**, St. John's United Church, Halifax, Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 7 PM in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, St. Mathias Lane entrance. The monthly schedule will resume on Sunday, Sep 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM.

**UNION CELEBRATION:** St. Matt's has invited the congregations of St. Andrew's, Brunswick Street, Fort Massey, and St. John's, to join them for a ONE HOUR sing through our history on the occasion of our 90<sup>th</sup> birthday as a United Church, this Wed, June 10th, 7-8 PM, at St. Matthew's United Church, 1479 Barrington St. And there will be cake, and a gf cake, too. Contact the minister for a ride.

### **Coming up**

- **Women's Annual Pot Luck Lunch @** Carol Sinclair's cottage, June 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Annual Garden Party**, Fort Massey Church, Queen St. lawn, Thu, June 18, 10 AM – 12 noon, followed by lunch at Darrell's
- **Church School Closing Exercises**, June 21, 10:30 AM, Sanctuary;  
**Ice Cream Social** to follow in the Lower Hall
- **Minister's Summer Schedule.** Our minister will be on vacation in July; in August he will be on sabbatical leave. He will be available for emergencies during this time with the exception of July 23-August 4. Emergency contacts: *Alison McDonald* 902.422.0850, *Ruth MacKenzie* 902.477.5365
- **Summer Gatherings** at 10:30 AM. **Pulpit Supply** includes  
AST Students on the following Sundays: July 5 – *Heather Ferrier*,  
July 12 – *Kate Jones*, July 19 – *TBA*, July 26 – *Daniel MacDonald*,  
Aug 2, 23, 30 – *Daniel MacDonald*, Aug 9 & 16 – *Lisa Clarke*

Some of today's liturgy was created by the Rev'd Maya Landell **who** is in ministry with Innerkip-Eastwood Pastoral Charge and serves as the Worship Coordinator for the 42nd General Council in Corner Brook, NL.