

Fort Massey United Church
Ministry: The People
Worship Leader: Jennifer Billard
Organist: Jenny Trites
August 2, 2020
The Gathering

Prelude: **Vater Unser** Johann Christof Bach

Call to Worship: *(based on John 19)*

L: Christ asked Peter if he loved him. Peter affirmed three times his love of the Lord. Christ asks us if we love him. We affirm our love of the Lord in our worship Christ calls us to demonstrate our love in service. Lord, help us to witness to your love in the ways in which we care for others. Amen.

Prayer of Praise*/The Lord's Prayer

God of healing and wholeness, we come with thanksgiving in our hearts for all the evidence of your goodness and mercy – found not only in stories of old, but in lives today. Lives bruised with tragedy find consolation when touched by your gracious Spirit; lives scarred with suffering and rejection have hope renewed through the power of the living Christ. We praise and adore you for hearts and lives transformed by your grace and mercy and we pray that our lives will reflect your great acts of kindness. Arouse in us we pray, a love like yours so that we reach out to this wounded and troubled world with the compassion of Christ, proclaiming the gospel with integrity to friends and strangers alike. Let us pray together wherever we may be saying the words our saviour taught us...Our Father . . .

Welcome

Hymn: VU #409 Morning Has Broken

We Hear the Word of God Prayer for illumination:

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept you Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 30

L: This concludes our reading for today. May our minds understand and our hearts feel their message. **Amen.**

Message: A Song of Thanksgiving

We Respond to the Word of God

Offertory Invitation: MV 191

Offertory Prayer based on *(Luke 15)* (unison)

Bless these gifts, Generous God, that they may be used to find your children. Children who wander in hunger, children who long to come home. Through our gifts, may all who wander set off for home, and may we celebrate and rejoice in their homecoming. Amen.

The Going Forth

Hymn: VU #642 Be Thou My Vision

Commissioning/Benediction:

Go now, and live out our song of praise to God. Discipline yourself in all things, however small, so that you may attain the prize of salvation that is yours in Christ Jesus.

And may God's powerful blessing uphold you like a mountain. May Christ Jesus touch you and make you whole. And may the Holy Spirit dance with you in the joy of life.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, *In the name of Christ.*
Amen and let it be so!

Postlude: **Trumpet Voluntary in B flat Major**
Anthony Giamanco

Prayer of Praise*: written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on Liturgies Online

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