

*Welcome* to Fort Massey. We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down at heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers. We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, hockey dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organized religion.' (*We're not that keen on it either!*) We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come to the ol' Kirk. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids or got lost on the Armdale roundabout and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters... and you!  
(adapted, used with permission, *Coventry Cathedral, England*)

**C O V I D – 1 9: wash your hands - physical distancing - self isolation**

*Creating Community c. 1871*

Home of Mon/Wed/Fri evening AA/CA groups, Tue evening & Wed morning  
Yoga, Wed afternoon Tea & Tango, Thu morning Japanese Playgroup,  
Thu evening Girl Guides, Fri afternoon Muslim Prayers

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**Fort Massey *United Church***  
**HALIFAX ~ NOVA SCOTIA**



*Happy Victoria Day!*

**May 17, 2020**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**A Virtual Service**

Found on FMC Facebook & Web Pages

Thanks to *Kevin Roberts*, Camera;

*Ian MacDonald*, Editor

*Jennifer Billard*, Song Leader

# The Word Made Fresh

## PRELUDE

**SILENT REFLECTION**      Trinity Bell is rung. Community Candle is lit.

## GATHERING WORDS

**HYMN: VU 224**                      Sing a Happy Hallelujah

## WELCOME & NOTICES

**OFFERING SONG**                      What Can I Do? (2x)                      **MV 191**

**PRAYER**                                      The Lord's Prayer                      **VU 921**

**HYMN: VU 394**                      Moved by the Gospel, Let Us Move

**READINGS**                                      Excerpt from "The Happiness Project" by Gretchen Rubin;  
Ecclesiastes 9: 7-11  
*Offered as wisdom for the journey.*  
**May we walk in its light.**

**SERMON**                                      A Time To Do and A Time to Plan

**HYMN: VU 417**                      God, as We Rise to Leave

**PARTING WORDS**                      *Amen. May it be so.*

## POSTLUDE

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**We minister together, thanks to your support.** Please call or e-mail the church office to contact Ruth MacKenzie for inquiries around financial giving (envelopes/PAR); or Linda MacDonald re volunteering or serving on a committee.

**Thank you** to Jean Cudmore, Sally DeWolf, David Griffiths, and Ruth MacKenzie whose contributions via PUTT allowed us to purchase a camcorder and wireless microphone; and to Ian MacDonald for the gift of a tripod.

**A memorial donation** was made by Brad Beam from Coal Fork United Methodist Church in West Virginia in memory of the victims of the NS shootings.

### **Getting together via ZOOM**

Women's Coffee Morning, Tuesdays at 10 AM

Congregational Coffee Party, Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

**NEW!** Trivia Nights, Wednesdays, May 20 & 27, 7:30 PM

Book Study Group, Thursdays at 11 AM

Sing-a-long with Choir & friends, Thursdays at 7:30 PM

Men's Break, Fridays at 10 AM

Access info for Zoom gatherings will be emailed to you before each event.

**Region 15 Annual Meeting** has been postponed to a virtual gathering for business on June 10<sup>th</sup>; followed by a tentative In-person gathering 'Festival of Faith', Nov 6 & 7, location TBD.

**We may not be able to volunteer in person, but we can help those who do by supporting the following:**

**Hope Cottage:** We still need folks to help in June, Aug, Oct and Dec. Because of social distancing the dining room is closed. Donations of boxes (6x6x4), sandwich meats, juice boxes, granola bars, and fruit are welcome, as well as financial donations. We will collect/deliver, or you can drop off directly at Hope Cottage. Contact Teresa Orser via the church office.

**Brunswick St Mission** Financial donations are now being gratefully received. *The Brunswick Street Mission*, 2107 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS B3K 2Y4 902-423-4605  
[bsm1@eastlink.ca](mailto:bsm1@eastlink.ca)

**Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank** thanks you for your on-going support. 2415 Maynard St, Halifax, NS B3K 3V2  
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- 1     **Sing a happy hallelujah,**  
sing it out with heart and style,  
we're the echo of God's laughter,  
we're the image of God's smile.  
          Hallelujah, all creation,  
          hallelujah everyone!  
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          hallelujah everyone!
- 2     We're the proof of God's good humour,  
we're the twinkle in God's eye,  
made to shine, reflect the glory,  
given light and space to fly. R
- 3     Sarah laughed at God's good timing,  
Mary sang and David danced,  
Jesus smiled and hugged the children,  
so is life for us enhanced. R
- 4     Every day sing hallelujah!  
We are loved, though so absurd,  
human, foolish, chosen people,  
God still takes us at our word! R

- 1     **Moved by the Gospel, let us move**  
          with every gift and art.  
The image of creative love  
          indwells each human heart.  
The Maker calls creation good,  
          so let us now express  
with sound and colour, stone and wood,  
          the shape of holiness.
- 2     Let weavers form from broken strands  
          a tapestry of prayer.  
Let artists paint with skilful hands  
          their joy, lament, and care.

Then mime the story: Christ has come.  
With reverence dance the word.  
With flute and organ, ching and drum  
God's praise be ever heard.

3 O Spirit, breathe among us here;  
inspire the work we do.  
May hands and voices, eye and ear  
attest to life made new.  
In worship and in daily strife  
create among us still.  
Great Artist, form our common life  
according to your will.

1 **God, as we rise to leave** this shell of worship,  
called to the risk of unprotected living,  
willing to be at one with all your people,  
we ask for courage.

**VU 417**

2 For all the strain with living interwoven,  
for the demands each day will make upon us,  
and for the love we owe the modern city,  
God, make us cheerful.

3 Give us an eye for openings to serve you;  
make us alert when calm is interrupted,  
ready and wise to use the unexpected;  
sharpen our insight.

4 Lift from our life the blanket of convention;  
give us the nerve to lose our life to others;  
be with your church in death and resurrection,  
God of all ages.

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