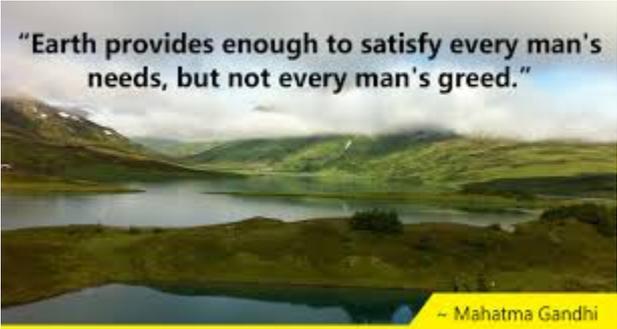


Welcome to Fort Massey. We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down at heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers. We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. 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!

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WORLD FOOD SUNDAY

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020

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 serving on a committee.

150 Anniversary Cookbook. We're getting near 150 recipes. Contact the church office or Carol Dobson if you have one to get us to that magic number!

Book Study, Oct 22, 10:30 AM will meet in the Music Room.

The Great Pumpkin Carving Contest, our second annual, on Sunday, **Oct 25.** Plan your design, carve it up, and send us a photo via email at ftmassey@eastlink.ca by Saturday noon, Oct 24. Single or Team efforts welcome.

A New Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Shadow and substance, wonder and mystery,
spell-binding spinner of atoms and earth;
soul of the cosmos, person and energy,
source of our being, we sing of your worth.

We are your image, formed in community;
sisters and brothers of Adam and Eve.
You gave us colour, custom and history;
teach us to honour what others receive.

Naming the nameless Spirit of unity,
scanning the heavens for signs of your care;
God of the ages, give us humility;
guide us to mystical union in prayer.

What can I do?

What can I bring?
What can I say?
What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy.
I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love.
I'll do my share.

Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;
let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.
Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding,
showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.

Bathe me in your love, O Source of Awe and Wonder;
help me walk the sacred path of harmony and peace.
May I be attentive to the musings of your presence,
drinking from the well of hope that brings the heart release.

Bathe me in your grace, O One of Spirit's longing;
teach me of your gentle ways that fill the soul with strength.
Guide me on the pilgrimage that leads to truth and wholeness,
Fill me with your promise of a love that knows no length.

1. **O world of God**, so vast and strange,
profound and wonderful and fair,
beyond the utmost reach of thought
but not beyond our Maker's care!
 We are not strangers on this earth
 whirling amid the suns of space;
 we are God's children, this our home,
 with those of every clime and race.

2. O world where human life is lived,
so strangely mingling joy and pain,
so full of evil and of good,
so needful that the good shall reign!
 It is this world that God has loved,
 and goodness was its Maker's plan,
 the promise of God's triumph is
 a humble birth in Bethlehem.

3. O world of time's far-stretching years!
There was a day when time stood still,
a central moment when there rose
a cross upon a cruel hill;
 in pain and death love's power was seen,
 the mystery of time revealed,
 the wisdom of the ways of God,
 the grace through which our hurt is healed.

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