

# Sunday Gatherings ~ Summer 2021

**July 4 to August 1** at St. Matthew's United Church,  
1479 Barrington Street, Halifax



In person: 10:30am  
Sunday mornings (masked  
and distanced). No need to  
pre-register.

Live feed: 10:30am  
Sunday mornings,  
at [https://www.facebook.com/  
StMatthewsUnitedChurch](https://www.facebook.com/StMatthewsUnitedChurch).

Pre-recorded:  
at [https://www.facebook.com/  
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OR [https://www.youtube.com/  
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**August 8-29** at  
Fort Massey Church,  
Sundays at 10:30am  
Aug 8 & 15  
with Alison McDonald;  
Aug 22 & 29  
with Vurain Tabvuma

## **Emergency Contacts**

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# Fort Massey Church

Spiritual Seekers **United** in Community

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Jenny Trites, Music Director; Robert Best, Assistant Pianist  
John Walter, Assistant Organist; Jade Fraser: Soloist;  
Ian MacDonald, Camera; Kevin Roberts, Sexton;  
Tamara Mugford, Office Administrator.;  
Sancia Knorr, Church School; Lilli Knorr, Nursery;  
Andrew Mackay, Yoga



**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 27, 2021**

**A Virtual Service**

**Online @ FMC Facebook & Web Page**



United against Racism



## The Word Made Fresh

|                                  |   |        |
|----------------------------------|---|--------|
| <b>PRELUDE</b>                   | Lighting of Community Candle  |        |
| <b>GATHERING WORDS</b>           |   |        |
| <b>HYMN: MV 122</b>              | This Is the Day   |        |
| <b>THE PEACE</b>                 | <i>Peace be with you.</i><br><b>And also with you.</b>  |        |
| <b>WELCOME &amp; NOTICES</b>     |   |        |
| <b>OFFERING: MV 191</b>          | What Can I Do?  |        |
| <b>PRAYER</b>                    | The Lord's Prayer   | VU 921 |
| <b>HYMN: VU 509</b>              | Here I Am, Lord   |        |
| <b>READINGS</b>                  | Excerpts from a poem<br>by Natasha Kurien;<br>Psalm 143:5-10<br><i>Offered as wisdom for the journey.</i><br><b>May we walk in its light.</b> |        |
| <b>SERMON</b>                    | <u>Down Memory Lane</u>   |        |
| <b>HYMN: MV 144</b>              | Like a Healing Stream   |        |
| <b>WORDS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP</b> |   |        |
| <b>AFFIRMATION</b>               | A New Creed   | VU 918 |
| <b>HYMN: VU 424</b>              | May the God of Hope Go with Us  |        |
| <b>PARTING WORDS</b>             | <i>Amen. May it be so!</i>  |        |
| <b>POSTLUDE</b>                  |   |        |

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**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 internet or round about and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters... and you!

**We minister together**, thanks to your support. Please contact Ruth MacKenzie <raem@ns.sympatico.ca>, (902.477.5365) re financial giving through weekly **envelopes**, or the convenience of **PAR**. You can also give through **Canada Helps** to which you can find a link on our website. **Cheques** in the post or dropped off are always welcome, or you might want to try using **e-transfers** to [fmchurch@eastlink.ca](mailto:fmchurch@eastlink.ca)

**Daily Devotional**, *These Days*, Jul/Aug/Sep, is available. Contact the church office to reserve your copy.

**Kirk Session**, Tue, June 29, 7:30 PM

**Upcoming Services**: Marriage Service: Craig MacDonald & Colleen Isnor, June 30; Memorial Service, the late Alasdair Sinclair, July 10

**Hope Cottage Casseroles**. We could use 1-2 more volunteers for Aug 19, Oct 14, and 5-6 more Dec 9. To volunteer, please contact Teresa Orser at 902-266-7959 cell/text or [ptmhorser@yahoo.ca](mailto:ptmhorser@yahoo.ca).

**This is the day** that God has made; **MV 122**  
we will rejoice and be glad! *Repeat*  
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!  
We will rejoice and be glad! *Repeat*

**What can I do?** What can I bring? **MV 191**  
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.

- 1 **I, the Lord of sea and sky,** **VU 509**  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
    Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
    I have heard you calling in the night.  
    I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
    I will hold your people in my heart.
- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? R
- 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? R

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1     **Like a healing stream** in a barren desert,     **MV 144**  
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,  
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,  
promising revival and rebirth like a healing stream

2     Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,  
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,  
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation  
yearning for an end to want and need like a gentle rain.

3     Like a river strong with a restless current,  
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,  
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,  
calling for an end to hate and war like a river strong.

4     Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,  
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,  
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:  
God will always challenge and provide!  
Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,  
like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

1     **May the God of hope go with us** every day,     **VU 424**  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
    Praying, let us work for peace,  
    singing, share our joy with all,  
    working for a world that's new,  
    faithful when we hear Christ's call.

2     May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed.     R

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