

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*).

Let us be gentle, patient and kind in 2021.

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Ian MacDonald, Camera; Kevin Robarts, Sexton;
Tamara Mugford, Office Administrator.;
Sancia Knorr, Church School; Lilli Knorr, Nursery;
Andrew Mackay, Yoga



United against Racism



Fort Massey Church

Spiritual Seekers **United** in Community

HALIFAX ~ NOVA SCOTIA

Our Sesquicentennial 1871-2021



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

The Word Made Fresh

* indicates standing

PRELUDE	Lighting of Community Candle
GATHERING WORDS	
* HYMN: VU 331	vs 1, 2 & 5 The Church's One Foundation
* THE PEACE	<i>Peace be with you.</i> And also with you.
WELCOME & NOTICES	
MINUTE FOR MISSION	The Session Fund
OFFERING	Offertory
* DOXOLOGY: VU 541	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
PRAYER	The Lord's Prayer VU 921
* HYMN: VU 603	In Loving Partnership We Come
READING	Deuteronomy 9:1-3; 6-7 <i>Offered as wisdom for the journey.</i> May we walk in its light.
SERMON	<u>Staying the Course</u>
* AFFIRMATION	A New Creed VU 918
* HYMN: VU 601	The Church of Christ in Every Age Alternate tune: WAREHAM (VU 529)
* PARTING WORDS	<i>Amen. May it be so!</i>
POSTLUDE	

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March birthdays. Trent Oickle (11th), Vi MacDougall (15th), Katherine Haak (27th)

We minister together, thanks to your support. Please call or e-mail the church office to contact Ruth MacKenzie re financial giving through weekly envelopes or the convenience of PAR; and Linda MacDonald re serving on a committee.

Easter Flowers. Place your memorial donation & info in the offering plate by March 28. Thank you.

Broadview, UCC magazine, will be published 8 times a year beginning April/May 2021. Next renewal \$25 is Jul/Aug 2022.

This week @ the fort:

Wed Morning Coffee Party via Zoom, Wed, 10:30 AM

Book Study, Thu, 10:30 AM, lower hall

Choir Rehearsal TBA, Thu, 7:15 PM, sanctuary

The U.C.W. will have a brief meeting after the 10:30 Service next week, March 21, in the sanctuary.

Hope Cottage Update – still need meals for Jun 24, Aug 19, Oct 14 and Dec 9. To volunteer, please contact Teresa Orser, 902-266-7959 cell/text or ptmhorser@yahoo.ca.

Annual Reports and the 2021 budget are available today in both lobbies.

Our Annual Meeting is today, March 14, at 11:30 AM, in the sanctuary.

St. Patrick's Day Parade will be a virtual event featuring music, dancing, jokes, baking, stories and more, on today, March 14, starting at 1 PM. halifaxstpatricksdaysparade.ca

Climate crisis. Earth Spirit Action Team at St Matthew's UC is looking to join with like-minded Fort Massey folk, via Zoom, concerned about the climate crisis and necessary action. Contact the minister if interested.

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- 1 **The church's one foundation** is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us
that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.
- 2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
- 5 We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

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

- 1 **In loving partnership we come,**
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.
- 2 We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful word and faithful deed.
- 3 Loving community we seek;
your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak
are brought together in your love.
- 4 In loving partnership, O God,
help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire,
we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

- 1 **The church of Christ in every age,**
beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

- 2 Across the world, across the street
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

- 3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

- 4 For Christ alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

- 5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all without reserve
and spread Christ's liberating word.