

Fort Massey Church

Spiritual Seekers **United** in Community

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Second Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Service recorded and posted online @ FMC Facebook & Web Page



United against Racism



The Word Made Fresh

To Ponder: How is doubt interwoven with beliefs in terms of your own faith?

** indicates rise in body or spirit
(please stand or remain sitting according to your comfort.)*

PRELUDE

GATHERING WORDS

LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LANDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: By grace, we greet this new morning grateful for all of creation

All: By grace, we come to share God's love.

One: We celebrate with gratitude, Christ is with us, bringing peace!

All: We worship awakened to joy and enthusiasm.

OPENING PRAYER / ASSURANCE / WORDS OF HOPE

***HYMN:** Spirit of the Living God

VU 376

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;

make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

WELCOME

***THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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.

OFFERING Offertory: *The offering will now be received.*

* Response: What Can I Do? standing MV 191
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.

DEDICATION PRAYER

**A TIME FOR THE YOUNG, AND THE YOUNG AT HEART
PRAYER**

LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN:** I've Got Peace Like a River

VU 577

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31

Offered as wisdom for the journey.
May we walk in its light.

SERMON “Enlivened Peace:
Awakening Joy and Enthusiasm”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN** All Things Bright and Beautiful

VU 291

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: in love, God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings. (*refrain*)

The purpleheaded mountains, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky; (*refrain*)

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. (*refrain*)

The rocky mountain splendour, the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall; (*refrain*)

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker, who has made all things well. (*refrain*)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PARTING WORDS

May it be so.

*CHORAL BLESSING Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE

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Spirit of the Living God:

Words: v.1 Daniel Iverson © 1963 Birdwing Music,

v.2 Michael Baughen © 1982 Hope Publishing Company.

Music: Daniel Iverson 1926.

What Can I Do?:

Words & Music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy.

I've Got Peace Like a River:

Words & Music: African-American spiritual.

All Things Bright and Beautiful:

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander 1848, alt.

Music: 17th century English melody, adapt. & arr. Martin Shaw 1915.

Go Now in Peace:

Words & Music: Don Besig & Nancy Price © 1988 Shawnee Press.

Notices

Thank you to all who made the Easter weekend so special, from the beautiful flowers in the church to gift bags creation and delivery to personal Communion kits to special treats.

“Turning Ourselves Inside Out”:

Read it or not book study - come join us even for the conversation even if you have not read the book. If you would like to borrow a book, Sharon bought some extra for loaning purposes; you can read it and return the book to Sharon after reading.

In-Person: Thursdays 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in-person at the church. We will meet in the Irene Parks Parlour. Please dress warmly as this room tends to be chilly still this time of year. Bring a bag lunch (microwave available). Thursday, April 28, May 5, May 12

Virtual: Wednesdays on Sharon’s Zoom, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, May 4, May 11.

Broadview renewals are due: \$25 annual cost. It is renewal time for the magazine (formerly the United Church Observer). The \$25 subscription can be put on the offering plate found at either entrance. Contact with Ruth Mackenzie if you have questions. Thank you.

*Happy birthday to Elizabeth Pacey on April 28
and Jacob Janson on April 30.*

*Blessings and our best wishes to all who are celebrating
birthdays, anniversaries or other celebrations this week.*