

Fort Massey Church

Spiritual Seekers **United** in Community

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Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Service recorded and posted online @ FMC Facebook & Web Page



United against Racism



The Word Made Fresh

** 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: If you lift your net and it is empty, Come here.

All: We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

One: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One,
Come here.

All: We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.

One: If your life is filled with mourning, Come here.

**All: God invites us to step into a new dance
and Christ is leading our dance of joy.**

OPENING PRAYER / ASSURANCE / WORDS OF HOPE

***HYMN:** This Is the Day That God Has Made

VU 175

Refrain:

This is the day that God has made!

Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!

This is the day that God has made!

Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

Christ has conquered death at last,
left the tomb that held him fast!

Gone the sorrow, gone the night,
dawns the morning clear and bright! (*refrain*)

Jesus lives who once was dead,
lives forever, as he said!

Risen now our Saviour, King;
songs of gladness let us sing! (*refrain*)

WELCOME

***THE PEACE** *The peace of Christ be with you.*
And also with you.

***AFFIRMATION** A New Creed VU 918

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:** Dance with the Spirit MV 156

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk* with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

* additional verses: "move" and "sing"

SCRIPTURE John 21:1-19 (NRSV)

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

ANTHEM Over My Head MV 88

SERMON "Do-Overs and Second Chances"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN** Jesus Calls Us VU 562

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'

Long ago apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'

Jesus calls us: by your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

DISCIPLESHIP / 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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This Is the Day That God Has Made:

Words & Music: Natalie Sleeth © 1976 Hinshaw Music, Inc.

What Can I Do?:

Words & Music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy.

Arranged: Alan C. Whitmore © 2005.

Dance with the Spirit:

Words & Music: Jim Strathdee © 1995 Desert Flower Music.

Over My Head:

Words & Music: African-American spiritual, arr. S. Lee © 2011 OCP.

Jesus Calls Us:

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander 1852, alt.

Music: William Herbert Jude 1874.

Notices

We have been thrilled to have some visitors join us in recent weeks. Please extend welcome to those familiar and those who are new. Speak to all people, children, youth and adults. Do you know the names of all the children who join us? Do they know your name? We will continue to ask those who are able to do so, to continue to wear masks. We also acknowledge there may be some people who have a medical exemption. All are needed, valued and belong. Thank you for everyone's sensitivity. We continue to social distance. We will continue to sit in every second pew. The tartan, tape and the ropes will be taken down. We will revisit possibilities for coffee and conversation next month, but numbers are still a concern. We celebrate the progress we are making.

Dream Team!

We had a wonderful gathering Saturday. Extra copies of handouts are available at the Tobin Street lobby entrance. We would really appreciate prayerful discernment, thoughts, ideas, recommendations, contact suggestions for a number of areas that we need to figure if there is energy and interest for, as listed in the email sent out last Thursday. Please speak to Sharon if you have questions.

Pride Parade Halifax Is July 16

The Rev. Kim Curlett proudly carried the Fort Massey banner for the Fort as a student minister each summer she was at the Fort. St. Matthew's has invited us to join them in the parade. Please let Sharon know if you are interested in sharing welcome to Fort Massey by walking in the Pride parade, July 16, as we continue to look for places to extend welcome. Kim is also walking in the parade again this year.

"Treasure Trove" in Our Upper Gym

Over the next while we shall be gathering items that may be found about our building and placing them in the upper gym in order that people can have a place to temporarily store items as we continue with our spring clean. If all committees, teams, groups, organizations could please go through any spaces, rooms, shelves, cupboards, dressers, cabinets, cupboards, cubby-holes, corners and crevices and attempt to declutter. Discard garbage and recycling appropriately.

Mental Health Awareness:

The first week of May is always Mental Health week. Do something special to take care of yourself. Learn more about mental health.

“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, May 5, May 12

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

Camp Kidston:

Can you help send a child to summer camp this summer? Camp Kidston, a United Church of Canada summer camp, has been building meaningful summer experiences for children and youth from the Halifax/Dartmouth/East Hants/other areas for more than 55 years! A week at Kidston is filled to the brim with hours spent outside swimming and playing games, creative endeavours such as arts and crafts, adventures through the woods and across the lake, silly campfire songs and skits, delicious homemade meals, and memories to last a lifetime. Children and youth have the opportunity to disconnect from technology and reconnect with an intentional community, which empowers them to develop new friendships, independence, and leadership skills they’ll carry with them well into the future.

Each summer, Camp Kidston receives over 50 requests for sponsorship from families who cannot otherwise afford to send their child to summer camp. In 2021, Camp Kidston provided financial assistance to one in three campers attending our summer programs (valued at over \$12,000). As a non-profit and registered charity, Camp Kidston relies heavily on the support of our local community to ensure that these campers – the children who need the above experiences the most – are able to access them each summer.

We are therefore requesting your support to help us ensure that all campers have the opportunity to attend Camp Kidston this summer, regardless of their family’s financial circumstances. It costs \$375 to send one camper to Kidston for a week, and we are fundraising to support at least 50 campers in Summer 2022. All donations are deeply appreciated. Donations over \$20 are eligible for tax

receipts. For more information, please visit www.campkidston.com/donate or contact Janice Noble at director@campkidston.com.

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 Jean Lawley on May 5
Jean Brown on May 7 and
Saul Janson on May 7.*

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