

Fort Massey Church

Spiritual Seekers **United** in Community

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Sancia Knorr, Church School; Lilli Knorr, Nursery;
Tamara Mugford, Office Administrator; Kevin Robarts, Sexton



Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Service recorded and posted online @ FMC Facebook & Web Page



United against Racism



The Word Made Fresh

To Ponder: What are ways you take care of yourself? Others?
Our community of 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: All are welcome in this sacred place, made holy through God's presence with us.

All: The Spirit empowers us to create communities of radical belonging including every one.

One: We gather in the presence of the One who abandons no one.

All: We gather to worship, to offer praise and thanks, extending helping hands, following our Good Shepherd, Jesus.

OPENING PRAYER / ASSURANCE / WORDS OF HOPE

***HYMN:** Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

VU 570

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, O Jesus, let them work for you,
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

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

Biblical word.
s-c-d-p-e-l-i

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:** Christ Has No Body Now but Yours

MV 171

Refrain:

Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands but yours.
Here on this earth, yours is the work,
to serve with the joy of compassion.

No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope
of the people of God. (*refrain*)

No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy
of the city of God. (*refrain*)

No feet but yours to journey with the poor,
to walk this world with mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace
for the children of God. (*refrain*)

Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need;
as Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,
with ev'ry gift a benediction, be
to the people of God. (*refrain*)

SCRIPTURE

John 10:22-30

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

ANTHEM

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

SERMON

“Radical Belonging: Helping Hands”

***HYMN**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying VU 400

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd

VU 747

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me,
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou has furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Camp Kidston - Vurain Tabvuma

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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Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands:

Words: Margaret Cropper © 1979 Hope Publishing Company.

Music: Old French melody.

What Can I Do?:

Words & Music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy.

Arranged: Alan C. Whitmore © 2005.

Christ Has No Body Now but Yours:

Words: Stephen C. Warner © 2003 World Library Publications.

Music: Rick Gunn © 2006.

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is:

Words: H. W. Baker 1868. Music: Irish melody, arr. Mark Schweizer.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying:

Words and Music: Ken Medema © 1971 Hope Publishing Company.

The Lord's My Shepherd:

Words: Scottish Psalter 1650.

Music: Jessie Seymour Irvine 1872.

Go Now in Peace:

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

Notices

*Flowers have been placed in memory of mother Margaret
Townshend Sherwood Ritcey from Andrew Ritcey*

Board of Management Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. on Clarissa's Zoom

Turning Ourselves Inside Out

Thanks to those who are joining online and in-person. We welcome all participation. This is a "Read It or Not" event so feel free to join us for the conversation.

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

In-Person: Thursday, May 12 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.

Blue Nose Marathon on May 22

The 19th annual Blue Nose Marathon will be taking place on Saturday, May 21, and Sunday, May 22. Please keep in mind that the safety and well-being of church members and race participants is the number one priority for everyone, and the decision as to when to allow individuals through to church is left to the judgment of police officers. Please allow for additional time on Sunday, May 22 as there may be delays.

Yoga Teacher Returning to Halifax, Looking for Accommodation Opportunities on the Peninsula

Andrew Mackay, who was a yoga teacher at Fort Massey pre-COVID is returning to Nova Scotia and hopes to resume teaching yoga at Fort Massey. Anyone knowing of a house-sitting opportunity, or an inexpensive room or small flat on the peninsula is welcome to get in touch with David Griffiths for information, character reference and introduction. For bio information: <https://indriyoga.com/about-indri-yoga>

Pray As You Go

Looking for some more daily devotional opportunities? There are 13-ish minute devotions offered by Ignatian leaders from the UK that open with a piece of music, reflection, two readings of a piece of scripture and a time for quiet contemplation. <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

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.

Spring Decluttering in the Fort Massey Building Continues

A reminder that items can be placed in the upper gym.

Happy birthday to Sharon Ross today.

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