

Fort Massey Church

Spiritual Seekers **United** in Community

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John Walter, Assistant Organist; Jade Fraser, Soloist;
Ian MacDonald, Saul Janson, Jude Janson, Tech Team;
Tamara Mugford, Office Administrator; Kevin Robarts, Sexton;
Sancia Knorr, Church School; Lilli Knorr, Nursery; Andrew MacKay, Yoga Instructor



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Creation Time 2
September 18, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Service recorded and posted online @ FMC Facebook & Web Page



THE WORD MADE FRESH

To Ponder: What do you do to nurture your sense of peace within your own being and day to day life?

** 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: In this creation time, we gather, honouring Creator and Creation.

All: We come this day carrying struggle and sorrow, grief and joys.

One: We come as peace seekers and peace bearers.

All: We come this day from a world of judgment and walls.

One: We open wide our doors of welcome.

All: We open our hearts to God, welcoming our neighbour in thanksgiving.

OPENING PRAYER / ASSURANCE / WORDS OF HOPE

***HYMN:** I Am Walking a Path of Peace MV 221

WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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.

DISCIPLESHIP AND MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING

Offertory: *The offering will now be received.*

*Response: 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

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:1-13

The parable of the dishonest manager

Offered as wisdom for the journey.

May we walk in its light.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Hear Me When I Call

SERMON

"Paths of Peace"

Please remain seated for the short music response of VU 400 which is played right after the message, inviting us all into prayer.

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

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

VU 684

*PARTING WORDS

May it be so.

*CHORAL BLESSING

Go Now in Peace

VU 964

Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

POSTLUDE

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I Am Walking a Path of Peace:

Words & Music: Janet Bauman Tissandier © 2007.

What Can I Do?:

Words & Music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy © 2005.

I've Got Peace Like a River:

Words & Music: traditional African-American spiritual.

Hear Me When I Call:

Words & Music: Richard Shephard © 1979.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying:

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

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace:

Words: attrib. to St Francis 1220, Music: Sebastian Temple © 1968 Oregon Catholic Press.

Go Now in Peace:

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

Notices

Thank you to all who participated in the bake sale in any way. It was a sharing of generosity and much appreciation for everyone taking part; \$655.35 was raised.

Thank you, Fort Massey, for generous hearts. In our efforts to do some sorting, culling and tidying up, we have been able to support Ukrainian refugees. Last week, with an SUV bursting with wonderful treasures, the first stop was to meet with a Ukrainian refugee staying with a temporary emergency host, who was so appreciative for items to start a new home. From there, resources went to the Ukrainian Store supporting those in need.

The store, as of September 6, indicated that some of the highest needs are beds, bicycles (adult and children), household furniture, dishes, kitchenware, and small household appliances. They are not permitted to take toys for safety reasons, and they currently have sufficient clothing available. To donate items:

The Ukrainian Store at 7071 Bayers Road, Halifax

Tuesday: Noon - 6pm; Thursday: 10am - 4pm; Saturday: 10am - 4pm; Sunday: 10am - 2pm

They would prefer initial contact through their website: <https://www.halifax-ukrainian-store.ca>

If you have items that you might want to donate and would find it easier to drop them off at the church, please leave them either inside or outside the minister's study. They will be happily transported to the Ukrainian Store.

Provincial Holiday in Honour of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Funeral Service

Monday, September 19 will be a holiday as directed by the province, as her funeral will be held tomorrow.

Girl Guide Cookies

Lilli Knorr will have Girl Guide chocolate mint cookies available on Sunday, September 18 for \$5/box.

Governance Model Update

In our continued visioning process, six models of governance for a community of faith were reviewed and discussed at our meeting September 13. The preferred model selected by written, anonymous, interest ballots showed a 62.5% identification of Model One: Session/Stewards/Official Board. Extra handouts from the meeting outlining the six models are available in print hard copy at the Tobin Street library if interested. In order to make any model work, we look prayerfully to the wider congregation for your support and commitment to being the "people resources" to engage actively in the life and work of this community of faith. Input and feedback for the proposed model is appreciated as we begin now to draft our proposed governance structure document. Congregational meetings will be held later this year and early in 2023 about governance and continued visioning. More information about our proposed "living into this model" and being compliant with the 2022 Manual will be forthcoming.

MODEL 1: The Session/Stewards Model

The two primary decision-making groups in this model are

- the Board of Elders (also called the Session)
- the Committee of Stewards

Each of these groups meets separately and has distinct areas of responsibility. In this model, the Session and the Stewards are mandated to meet together on at least a quarterly basis. When they meet, they are called the Official Board.

Session

The Board of Elders, or Session, is responsible for the spiritual leadership of the congregation, including worship, education, pastoral care, and outreach. The ministry personnel settled in or appointed to a pastoral charge or a congregation are members of the Session. A quorum for Session requires the attendance of the ministry personnel or, where no minister is settled or appointed, the Pastoral Charge Supervisor.

Stewards

The Committee of Stewards is responsible for the temporal matters of the congregation, including stewardship development, remuneration of personnel, capital expenditures, property maintenance, and day-to-day administration of finances. The Committee of Stewards elects from its members a treasurer.

Elders

Elders are elected by the pastoral charge or congregation for their wisdom, caring, spiritual discernment, and other gifts of the Spirit. They are entrusted with leadership among the whole congregation. Elders of an Official Board must be members of The United Church of Canada.

The Official Board

Ministry personnel
Representatives from Ministry and Personnel Committee
Representatives from Trustees
Representatives to Regional Council
Representatives from UCW and other committees and groups

Board of Elders or Session

Committee of Stewards
Ministry and Personnel Committee
Board of Trustees

NEW DATE - Creation Time Walking the Path: Wednesday September 21 at 10:00 a.m. on Sharon's Zoom

During the next week, leading up to September 21 (Day of Peace) you are encouraged to go for a walk, in your own neighbourhood, alone or with others, or at a favourite park or by a lake or wherever you feel led to walk. Take some time to notice what is around you, noticing creation and joys and concerns evoked for you. Perhaps find a small item to remind you of this walk to bring back home. Take time to hold the area you are walking in in prayer. Whether your walk is five minutes or a few hours, it is all good. If issues make it impractical for you to walk, consider doing some exploration on your computer to find time to look around, such as google earth. Walk your neighbourhood virtually or visit a favourite place that is of interest to you. On Wednesday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m. meet Sharon on Zoom and we will do some sharing, reflecting and a spiritual practice inviting us to be mindful of this creation time. RSVP if you know you are coming or, if last minute availability, just use the Zoom link in the newsletter or: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7058758837?pwd=bVVMZ3g0NFVjSytXeVdqNnl1RlJrd09>

KAIROS Atlantic Fall Gathering

We hope you can join us for Building Hope for Atlantic Canada: Water, Land, Air and Food for All. This is a hybrid event; join us on Zoom or in-person at St. Andrews United Church, corner of Coburg Road and Robie Street, Halifax on Saturday, October 1 from 2 to 6p.m. To register, please visit: <https://secure.kairoscanada.org/civcrm/event/info?reset=1&id=311>

Brunswick Mission Fundraiser Breakfast: Thursday, October 20 at 7:30 a.m. at Pier 21

The keynote speaker is Anna Maria Tremonti, one of Canada's most respected journalists. While she has reported from some of the most dangerous zones, none were as immediately threatening as her life at home. Tremonti opens up about a long-held secret -- that she was once married to a man who abused her. Confronting that past has shaped her career as a journalist. The result is an intimate portrait of a powerful woman confronting the source of tremendous pain and trauma and, remarkably, freeing herself from a life-long

sense of shame. Tickets are \$125 and available online at <https://www.brunswickstreetmission.org/> or call 902-423-4605 ext. 6.

Counters Needed

We are in need of people to count the weekly collection starting September 25, two people per week. No great math skills needed, just a few minutes after the service. If you haven't done it before, please let Kathy know and a short orientation session will be arranged. The sign-up sheet is on the Tobin Street bulletin board.

Financial Offerings

We minister together and appreciate your support. Financial offerings can be made through weekly envelopes, the convenience of PAR or through e-transfers to fmchurch@eastlink.ca

Upcoming:

- Tuesday, September 20: Presentation of Bennett paintings to Naval Museum afternoon (Colleen Estabrooks and David Griffiths contact)
- September 21: International Day of Peace (UN) 2022, theme "End Racism, Build Peace"
- Sunday, September 25: Orange Shirt Day at the church, please wear orange
- September 12 to October 10: 28 Days to Thanksgiving: Offering Our Gratitude
- October 3 to October 31, World Communion Sunday to All Saints: Season of Gratitude, choose to immerse yourself in a daily focus of gratitude!
- Sunday, October 2: World Communion Sunday
- Sunday, October 9: Thanksgiving
- Tuesday, October 10: World Mental Health Awareness Day
- Saturday, October 15: Congratulations Leslie and Scott on your wedding today! Our prayers and best wishes are with you.
- Sunday, October 16: We welcome The Rev. Trent Cleveland-Thompson as our guest preacher
- Sunday, October 16: World Food Day - Discipleship IS Stewardship
- Monday, October 17: International Day for Eradication of Poverty
- Thursday, October 20: Brunswick Mission Fundraiser Breakfast, tickets now on sale
- Sunday, October 23: We welcome Dawson as he is Baptized. Please contact Sharon if you or someone you know would like to be Baptized.
- Sunday, October 30: Reformation Sunday (Oct 31), bring your carved pumpkins for fun judging after service
- Sunday, November 6: Remembrance Day observed
- Sunday, November 20: Anniversary Service (151 years), tentative dedication of candles and Bible

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