

# Fort Massey Church

Spiritual Seekers **United** in Community  
HALIFAX ~ NOVA SCOTIA

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Ministers: All of us by the grace of God;  
Rev. Dr. Sharon Ballantyne, Intentional Interim;  
James Robertson, Usher;  
Jenny Trites, Music Director; John Walter, Assistant Organist; Jade Fraser, Soloist;  
Sancia Knorr, Church School; Lilli Knorr, Nursery;  
Tamara Mugford, Office Administrator; Emily Kiley Lawlor, Sexton



**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 28, 2023, 10:30 a.m.**

Service recorded and posted online @ FMC Facebook & Web Page





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

VU 538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

### 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:

Come, O Holy Spirit

MV 23

### SCRIPTURE

**Acts 2:1-4**

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

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

How Can I Keep from Singing?

### SERMON

Holy, Healing Fire

*Please remain seated for the short music response of MV 79 which is played right after the message, inviting us all into prayer.*

### HYMN

Spirit, Open My Heart

MV 79

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (*tune 234*)

VU 368

**\*BENEDICTION**                      **May it be so.**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING**            Halle, Halle, Halle

VU 958

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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This Is the Day:

Words & Music: Bruce Harding © 2003 www.evensong.ca.

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness:

Words & Music: James K. Manley © 1978.

For the Gift of Creation:

Words & Music: Steve Garnaas-Holmes © 1991 The Copyright Company.

Come, O Holy Spirit:

Words: Fred Kaan © 1998 Hope Publishing Company.

Music: Ron Klusmeier © 2000 www.musiklus.com.

How Can I Keep from Singing?:

Words & Music: Rev Robert Lowry, arr. Rollo Dilworth © 2014 Hal Leonard Corporation.

Spirit, Open My Heart:

Words: Ruth Duck © 1996.

Music: trad. Irish melody, arr. Arthur G. Clyde © 1997 The Pilgrim Press.

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine:

Words: Samuel Longfellow 1864.

Music: attrib. John Antes ca. 1800, arr. John Lees 1824, adapt. John Wilkes 1861.

Halle, Halle, Halle:

Words: traditional liturgical text.

Music: anon., arr. The Iona Community © 1987 GIA Publications Inc.

*Happy birthday to Lilli Knorr on May 31.*

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

## *Notices*

A special welcome to all visitors joining us for in-person worship. Please sign the guest book located at the end of the middle aisle. Please introduce yourself to the minister and members of the congregation. If your time permits, please join us for refreshments, for coffee and conversation in the lower hall immediately after worship.

Thank you for choosing to join us in-person. Please feel comfortable to sit, stand, stretch, move for your own self-care and comfort. Our services generally are an hour-ish in length. We encourage people, if they can, to continue their worship through to the end of the offering of our postlude, the instrumental music that closes our service. Often needs require people to leave at different times. Thank you for supporting all in our faith family. Our worship team usually exits through the side Tobin Street exit and will meet you in the lower hall if you can stay. Our ushers meet those leaving by the Queen Street lobby and will lock up following our worship time. Please be sure to take the minister's contact card, for yourself or to share. Our church email is: [ftmassey@eastlink.ca](mailto:ftmassey@eastlink.ca)

## **Tech Support Needed**

If you would be willing to advance PowerPoint slides on any of these dates, please contact Sharon: June 11, June 18, June 25, August 6, August 13, August 20, August 27, September 3, September 10, September 17, September 24, October 1, October 8. Likewise, if you would be able to assist with videoing the service on any of these dates, please let Sharon know. Our thanks to Clarissa Sit for covering June 11 with operating the video camera.

## **Chancel Guild Meets in Kitchen on May 29 at 10:00 a.m.**

All members of the chancel committee are invited to meet in the kitchen of Fort Massey to polish brass and silverware.

## **Next Men's Breakfast on June 2**

The men's gathering will be on June 2 at 9:30 a.m. at Cousins Restaurant located at 3545 Robie Street, Halifax.

## **Other Upcoming Services and Events:**

- Sunday, June 4: Pride Sunday - Communion Service with video and discussion following
- June 9 to 11: Sharon at the Annual meeting of Regional Council at Mount Saint Vincent University
- Sunday, June 11: Alison McDonald leading service  
Final Sunday School before summer, outing to park (weather permitting); resumes September 10
- Sunday, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 31: Fort Massey is closed for the month of July  
All are invited to join at St. Matthew's United Church for Sunday worship
- Saturday, July 22: Join Fort Massey in the Pride Parade Halifax at noon
- Sunday, August 6, 13, 20, 27: We welcome St. Matthew's United Church in worship at Fort Massey  
Worshipping in the lower hall for the month of August
- Tamara is on summer break for July and August and the church office will be closed June 30 to September 6.

## **Piano at Fort Massey to Give Away**

We are looking for a new home for the upright piano currently living in the "chair cupboard". It does need to be tuned. It will be given to anyone who would give it a home. Please contact Jenny, John or Kathy.

## **Affirming Moment—Comments from Fort Massey**

Some comments after watching a video about Riverside United (London, ON) during its affirming process:

"It was good to sense open discussion, seeing people "move" in their views."

"It presents a realistic and honest picture of the thinking process that a congregation goes through."

## **Thank You for Your Financial Support**

We thank you for your financial support of Fort Massey. Whether using e-transfer to [fmchurch@eastlink.ca](mailto:fmchurch@eastlink.ca), PAR, cheque or envelopes, all are so appreciated. Donations may also be made through the following online charity donation websites: CanadaHelps - <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/fort-massey-united-church/> or Charitable Impact: <https://my.charitableimpact.com/charities/fort-massey-united-church>. In the sanctuary, donations can be made as you leave after worship. Offering plates are located by the font, if exiting to Tobin Street, or in the aisle as you exit into the Queen Street lobby. Together we are vital and strong! We minister together.

**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!

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