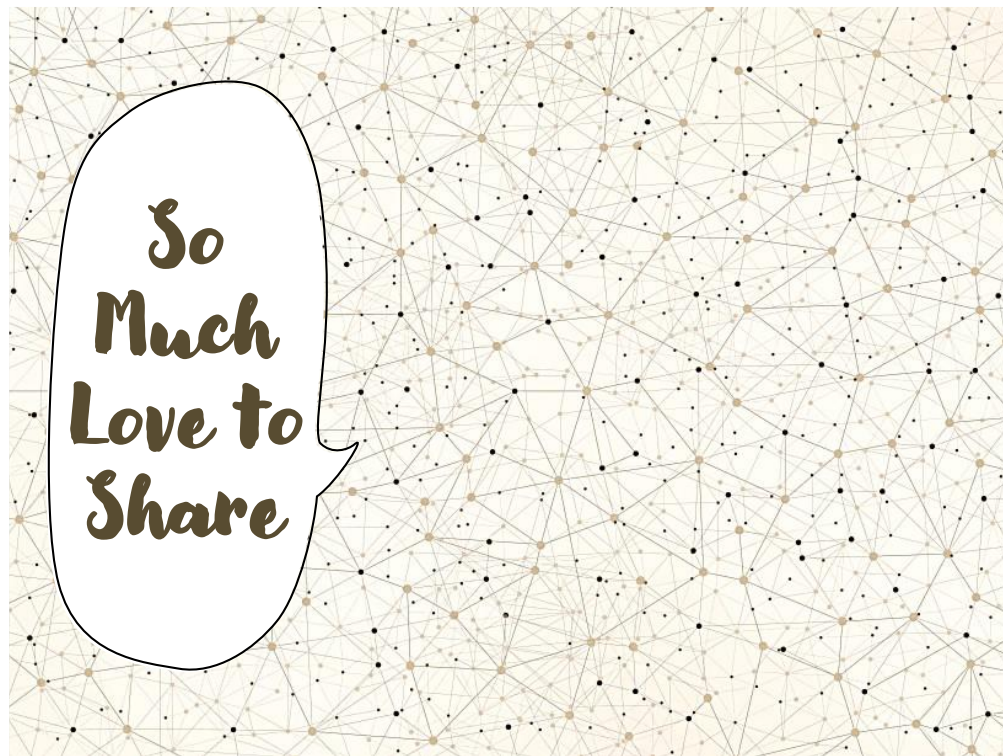


# Fort Massey Church

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

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Alison McDonald, Usher;  
Carol Dobson, Liturgical Assistant; Colleen Estabrooks, Scripture Reader;  
Jenny Trites, Music Director; John Walter, Assistant Organist;  
Sancia Knorr, Church School; Lilli Knorr, Nursery;  
Tamara Mugford, Office Administrator; Emily Kiley Lawlor, Sexton



**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 25, 2023, 10:30 a.m.**

Service recorded and posted online @ FMC Facebook & Web Page



United against Racism



## HERITAGE MOMENT *By Barry Cahill*

The 400<sup>th</sup> birthday of Martin Luther, father of the Protestant Reformation, on 10 November 1883 evoked competition among local ministerial lecturers. The young new pastor of St Andrew's, the Reverend Louis Henry Jordan, was the first to lecture on the subject. Dr Burns, not to be outdone by a precocious Halifax boy less than half his age, went next, lecturing under the auspices of the Young Men's Wesleyan Institute, his title — "Martin Luther: His Character, Career and Calumniators [slanderers]." Jordan, incidentally, was a prodigy who before his death in 1923 would go on to become the most eminent scholar The Presbyterian Church in Canada ever produced, being among the founders of the academic discipline of comparative religion.

### THE WORD MADE FRESH

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

### PRELUDE

#### \*INTROIT

And on This Path

MV 8

**And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide, (3X)**

**Open wide! (3X)**

**The gates are open wide!**

**So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide, (3X)**

**Open wide! (3X)**

**The gates are open wide!**

### LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LANDS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather as followers of Jesus Christ.

**All: Seeking to be a loving, growing family of faith.**

One: We offer a cup of water to each other, to friends and strangers alike.

**All: We celebrate with a party of love, so much love!**

**We gather to worship and praise God.**

### OPENING PRAYER / ASSURANCE / WORDS OF HOPE

#### \*HYMN

Like a Healing Stream

MV 144

### 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**

David Griffiths – Brunswick Street Mission  
"A First Step in a New Community"

### **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**

#### **THE 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:**

Sing a New World into Being

**Sing a new world into being, sound a bold and hopeful theme.  
Find a tune for silent yearnings, lend your voice and dare to dream.  
Dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong.  
Sing a new world into being, sing as Christ inspires your song.**

**Sing a new world into being where each gender, class and race  
brings its rainbow gifts and colours to God's limitless embrace;  
Where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind.  
Sing a new world into being; risk transforming heart and mind!**

**Sing a new world into being, where the homeless find a home.  
Where no children ever hunger but are filled with God's shalom;  
where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease.  
Sing a new world into being: rise the harmonies of peace.**

**Sing a new world into being. Join the ancient prophets' cry  
for a time of health and plenty where all tears have been wiped dry;  
when compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve.  
Sing a new world into being: live the promise you believe!**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 10:40–42** *Welcoming and offering a cup of water  
Offered as wisdom for the journey.  
May we walk in its light.*

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

The Women Next Door Choir  
Water Is Life: Mní Wičóni  
How Could Anyone  
Singing for Our Lives

**SERMON**

So Much Love to Share

*Please remain seated for the short music response of MV 21 which is played right after the message,  
inviting us all into prayer.*

**HYMN**

Open Our Hearts (*sung twice*) MV 21  
**Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you O loving God.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN**

Walk with Me VU 649

**\*PARTING WORDS**

**May it be so.**

**\*CHORAL BLESSING**

May the Grace of Christ VU 419  
**May the grace of Christ our Saviour, and our Maker's boundless love,  
with the Holy Spirit's favour, rest upon us from above.  
Thus may we abide in union held together by the Word,  
and possess in rich communion joys which earth cannot afford.**

**POSTLUDE**

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Words: John Newton 1779.

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## *Notices*

*We welcome the Women Next Door choir as our special musical guests.*

*Happy July Birthdays:*

*Kari Robertson on July 1; Brayden Knorr on July 2,  
Gwen Smith Dockrill on July 3; Carol Robinson on July 7;  
Ian MacDonald on July 8; Viola Greer on July 17*

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

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)

### **The Peninsula Youth Group End of Year Party Grade 6 to 12**

The Peninsula Youth Group will be holding an end-of-year celebration today from 5 to 7pm at St. John's United Church. Church leaders and parents are invited, as well as any interested grade six kids, who might be involved next year! There will be food, games, and a chance to see the new pollinator garden that the youth fundraised for and planted. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

### **Emergency Contact for July**

In Sharon's absence, the emergency contact is the Rev. Betsy Hogan from St. Matthew's. In case of emergency please call St. Matthew's United Church at 902-423-9209. For non-pastoral emergency needs, please contact our Clerk of Session, Alison McDonald.

### **Hope Cottage Casseroles Needed for August 17, October 12 and December 7**

Our thanks to Teresa Orser for her ongoing leadership. She writes: "We have a few spots still open in the months of August, October and December. If anyone is interested in making a casserole for Hope Cottage for August 17, October 12 or December 7, please email/call/text Teresa or see the sign-up sheet at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RGfrg9bcU1XBmdDKNXyxi-C3BAcCd4AchHEpRDUOA8/edit#gid=0>

THANK YOU! Please enter your name under the date that works best for you. If you have any troubles with this link - please let me know! You can text or email or call me and I will sign you up! :)"

### **Tech Support Needed**

If you would be willing to advance PowerPoint slides on any of these dates, please contact Sharon: June 25, August 6, August 13, August 20, August 27, September 3 October 8. Thanks to Brayden Knorr who has offered to advance PowerPoint on September 10, September 17, September 24, and October 1.

Likewise if you would be able to assist with videoing the service on any of these dates: June 25 through October 9, please let Sharon know.

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

- 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.
- Sunday School resumes on September 10

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

What do you think it means to be affirming?  
Non-judgmental needs to be all inclusive – everyone  
I don't care what you are, you are welcome here.

To be affirming:

- \*make amends
- \*raise up those who are strangers
- \*be creative

### **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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