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# **WELCOME!**

Service for the Lord's Day May 28th 2017 Easter 6

We gather on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. Peace and Friendship Treaties with the Mi'kmaq bind us together as we strive for reconciliation.

## **Our Vision**

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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#### **GATHERING**



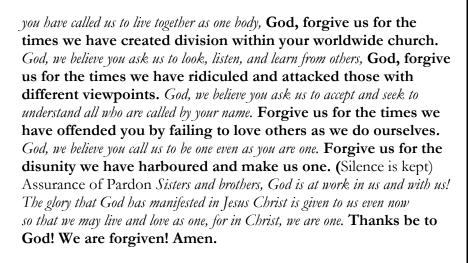
\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: We have come to worship God, all-gracious

God, who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!

\*Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer of Confession: God, we believe you have called us to unity, but often we have isolated ourselves from others, God, forgive us for the times we have turned our backs on those who are different. God, we believe



### **PROCLAIMING**

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

One: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God. But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy. Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds-his name is the LORD-- be exultant before him. Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land. God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

\*Hymn: We are one in the Spirit 471

Community Conversation:

From the letters: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Gospel: **John 17:1-11** 

One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ

\*Hymn: Tell me the old, old story 499

Sermon: 'Restore, Support, Strengthen, and Establish'

Communicating the Gospel

#### **RESPONDING**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

\*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

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Offertory Prayer Announcements:

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

#### **SENDING**

\*Hymn: Lord speak to me \*Benediction: \*Choral amen

Postlude:

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Worship is now ended let our service begin! Each year we acknowledge our graduates. If you have a member of the family graduating from high school or a post secondary program, please let your elder or Valerie Macdonald know so that we can share the news. We will have special recognition on June 11. It would be great if the young person could be present to be recognized.

Refreshment host are needed! Please talk to Phyllis Morrison.

The deadline for the next 'At Saint David's' will be Friday, June

**2.** Please have submissions in to Carol Dobson at caroljdobson@gmail.com on or before that date.

### THIS WEEK - (May 28-June 4)

**Today** 9:00 am Early service

10:00 am Circle of Prayer

11:00 am Traditional Service followed by a

discussion of the Communications Document.

Wednesday: **Pot Luck Meal & Meeting,** Fort Massey, St. David's & St. Matthew's Refugee Committee - Date: Wednesday May 31st

Time: 5.30 Place: Fort Massey United Church, church hall.

Friday David's Place.
Sunday 9:00 am Early service

10:00 am Circle of Prayer11:00 am Traditional Service

**Upcoming**: Communion Sunday is June 11

Our Spring BBQ will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> after

worship – please plan to stay and enjoy

Acts 1:6-14 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal

that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

John 17:I-II After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

#### PASTORAL CARE



We are pleased that you are here and look forward to discovering ways that we can grow in faith and service together. We pray that you will be blessed in worship today and that you will come again soon. Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:

Kenn Stright office: 423-1944 Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893

MISSION MOMENTS Finally! In December 2015 we joined in sponsorship of a Syrian Refugee family – it has been a long and frustrating road with roadblocks and detours abounding – the good news is the imminent arrival of the Al Saghrji family (maybe June 15). It is time for us to come together (see notice for meeting at Fort Massey!) and make preparations for their arrival. Please pray for safe journey for this family.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** We pray for the Al Saghrji family now anxiously counting the days to departure for Halifax!

**STEWARDSHIP** We keep what we give away. -Tim Hiller

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a breastfeeding friendly facility. The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.

**We welcome** all who are worshipping here today! If you are here for the first time, please sign the Guest Book at the main entrance. Our Greeter this morning is Colin MacPherson. Our reader today is Val Macdonald Refreshment Host is ...

A sign in a Vancouver shoe repair store: We will heel you We will save your sole We will even dye for you.