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## WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

May 28<sup>th</sup> 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



Prelude:

\*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 490

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*

*you have called us to live together as one body, God, forgive us for the times we have created division within your worldwide church. God, we believe you ask us to look, listen, and learn from others, God, forgive us for the times we have ridiculed and attacked those with different viewpoints. God, we believe you ask us to accept and seek to understand all who are called by your name. Forgive us for the times we have offended you by failing to love others as we do ourselves. God, we believe you call us to be one even as you are one. Forgive us for the disunity we have harboured and make us one. (Silence is kept) Assurance of Pardon Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! The glory that God has manifested in Jesus Christ is given to us even now so that we may live and love as one, for in Christ, we are one. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.*

## 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"* 830

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

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

### SENDING

\*Hymn: Lord speak to me 767

\*Benediction: \*Choral amen

Postlude:



**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 )**

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| <b>Today</b>   | 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: <b>Pot Luck Meal &amp; Meeting</b> , Fort Massey, St. David's & St. Matthew's Refugee Committee - Date: Wednesday May 31st<br>Time: 5.30 Place: Fort Massey United Church, church hall. |   |  |
| <b>Friday</b>  |   | David's Place.   |
| <b>Sunday</b>  | 9:00 am   | Early service  |
|  | 10:00 am  | Circle of Prayer   |
|  | 11:00 am  | Traditional Service  |
| <b>Upcoming:</b>   | Communion Sunday is June 11<br>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

