

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



4th Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2018 10 am

"When God forgave me, I figured I'd better too."
– Johnny Cash

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.
Our worship leader is **Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher.**
Our music is led by music director **Alex Good**
and the **FHUC Choir.**
Our greeter this morning is **John Neville.**
Our Sunday School Teachers are **Mary Grant, Robert Christie**
John Fisher and **Libby Cassidy.**
Our hospitality host is **Jennifer Abbott**
and our tellers are **William Hughes** and **Robert Christie.**

*At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on
ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqey land.*

*Forest Hill United Church is a safe place for people to gather, regardless
of race, creed, age, cultural background, family status, sexual
orientation and gender identity.*

Gathering

*At the **, please rise in body or in spirit.*

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

****Introit:** (*Sung Together twice*)

MV2

**Come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
Come now and worship the Lord.**

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: Come now to worship!
All: Halleluia!
One: How do we worship?
All: In song, in prayer, in fellowship and in love.
One: Who is welcome in this place?
All: All are welcome?
One: Ah then, it is time to worship. Let us start by praying
together...

Gathering Prayer

(said by all in unison)

God of love, we come to You today as our authentic selves.
We come to You in joy, in pain, in happiness and in grief.
We come to You as we are, where we are on this path
through life. We are grateful to worship together with
people who love us as we are. We come to You today with all
that we have knowing that it is enough, knowing that we are
enough, knowing that in You and with each other we are
capable of such beauty and kindness that the world outside
this place will know of Your love. Alleluia and amen!

****Opening Hymn:** Draw the Circle Wide MV 145

Exploring

Children's Time

****Song of Praise:** Take Up His Song MV 213

*After the first verse the children and teachers will
leave for Sunday School*

Words from Our Bible:

William Hughes

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22 VU Page 746 Parts 3&4 (with refrain)

John 15:1-8

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music: The Show Must Go On by Freddie Mercury

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** Breathe on Me, Breath of God VU 382

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** *(Sung Together)*

VU 958

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

(Repeat x 2)

**Prayer After Giving

Generous and surprising God,
when we thought that death
had claimed Your only Son,
You amazed us with the resurrection.
Surprise us again
with Your ability to turn these humble offerings
into gifts that will transform the world
through our witness to Your love.
We lay our very lives at Your feet, O God,
knowing that You will use us
to proclaim and embody the gospel. AMEN
Written by Sarah Magie. March 28, 2018

Prayers of Our Community

God of resurrection,
Hear our prayer.

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

Tune of VU 959

Creator in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

VU 921 Ecumenical Version

****Closing Hymn:** Oh a Song Must Rise MV 142

****Sharing the Light**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

****Choral Amen:** (*Sung Together*) VU 974

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!
(*repeat x 2*)

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship!

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Quilt Group	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
Choir Practice	Sundays 9:30 and 11:30-12:30 in the Choir Room

Reverend Deborah is on study leave this week. Rev. Bob is available for emergencies at 476-8020.

Kris will be out of the office on Thursday April 26th. Please have all announcements in to the office before 1:00pm on Tuesday April 24th.

The Sunday school is looking for "dip" pens to borrow for use in lessons in May. These would be any type of pen that you dip into liquid ink in order to write with (anything from quills on up). We also have several nibs that are missing pens, so if you have pens missing nibs these would also be useful. We're also looking for liquid ink in a colour other than black. Please contact Margie Roxborough (455-0576) for more information.

Forest Hill Book Club will meet on Tuesday May 1st at 12 noon in the church parlour. The book for May is [A Blade of Grass](#) by Lewis DeSoto.

HIKE for HOSPICE will take place on Sunday 6th of May 2018 starting at 1.00p.m. from Killarney Lodge. If you are interested in being a part of the Forest Hill Team please speak to Jennifer for more information or to receive a donor form and to register.

50th Anniversary Hymn-Sing and Concert, May 27th, 7:00p.m. Please fill out a form after the service or contact the office, if you would like to request a favourite hymn. Deadline for requests has been extended to May 8th. Suggested donation per hymn choice is \$20. An income tax receipt will be provided on request

Theology on Tap was a raging success again this week. Please join us at Dolan's Pub on the third Tuesday of every month from 8:00 pm to 10 pm. Our next gathering is May 15th.

Please check **Lost & Found** on shelf over coat hangers in hall. Scarf, hats, mitts, water bottles etc.

Anyone interested in Church land use issues should check the United Church Observer website. Click on "features" then "Faith" for the article "How Churches are saving themselves through real estate" (by Mike Milne, April 2018). The April edition of the Observer magazine is available in the FHUC library. The article can be found on pages 38-40 under the title "Working the land".

Fair Trade baking supplies. The following Camino baking supplies are now available: chocolate chips (semi-sweet & bittersweet), shredded coconut, baking chocolate (bittersweet). A wide assortment of chocolate bars are also available. For the Camino items, 1/2 the purchase price will support outreach activities at Forest Hill.

It is sometimes necessary to cancel services due to serious storms. A decision to cancel is made very early in the day. We put cancellation notices on our main telephone number (455-0988) and send an email to congregation members no later than 8:30 am. We also post cancellations on our Facebook page (viewable on the left side of our main web page).

Scripture Readers are needed each week to assist during Worship Services. Please help Patricia Powell (455-8602), who coordinates readers, by indicating on the Reader Chart on the table by the kitchen, which Sundays you would be available to read (√), if needed, and also when you would not be available (x). New readers are most welcome, and names can be added to the Chart.

Ushers/Greeters needed: Please check your schedule to see if you are available for one or more Sundays to help out with set up and greeting our congregation on Sunday mornings. Signup sheet is on the back table. If you have any questions please feel free to ask me. Many thanks. Lorna McKnight

Community Events

Elvis Gospel Concert. All are invited to hear "The Gospel Side of Elvis" Sunday, April 22nd at 3:00 p.m. in the Wilmot United Church Sanctuary. Join Mike Bravener as he sings your favourite gospel tunes. Proceeds to support youth ministry. Light refreshments served by UCW. Free will offering.

Wilmot United Church is holding their annual spring rummage sale on Friday, April 27th from 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 28th from 9 am - noon. Items include spring & summer clothing, footwear, toys, linens, kitchenware, home décor and more. Proceeds will support Wilmot's charitable projects.

Greenwood Drive Baptist Church is pleased to announce that we will be holding a special music evening on April 29th, 2018 at 7PM at Greenwood Drive Baptist Church at 150 Greenwood Drive, Fredericton with special musical guests - Infinitely More. Come out and bring your friends to hear some of their original music, favorite hymns and uplifting stories. Please check them out at www.InfinitelyMore.ca or Facebook at 'Infinitely More' we will be taking a love offering to benefit the Greenwood Drive Baptist Church Summer Children's Ministries.

UCW Bridge Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 3rd, at 12 noon at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street. Please contact Connie – 472-4744 to reserve your table at a cost of \$40. Hope to see you all there!

Godly Play Core Training for Storytellers & Doorpersons 2018 Core Training at Nashwaaksis United Church, NB May 5. *There are a lot of things you can learn from a book or a lecture, but Godly Play is best learned from the inside out...* Learn about the different kinds of Godly Play stories; tell a story by heart and receive supportive feedback; learn the fundamentals of setting up your own Godly Play space and program. To learn more or register go to www.godlyplaymaritimes.com or reach out to Rev Priscilla geisterferp@hotmail.com

The UCW of St. Paul's United Church, on the corner of George and York Streets in Fredericton, will be hosting a BRIDGE LUNCHEON on Saturday, May 5th at 12 noon. Reserve your table for \$48.00 or \$12.00 per person, by telephoning Isabel Green at 459-7116. Enjoy a delicious lunch, door prizes, and your favorite pastime!

Oromocto United Church Spring Turkey Supper 144 Winnebago St. May 5th 2018 4.00 PM-- 6.00 PM Adults \$14.00 Children under 12 - \$ 6.00 Pre-schoolers – Free Everyone Welcome

Celebrate mom and support charity at Wilmot United Church on May 12th from 11 am - 2 pm. Enjoy an elegant tea featuring fancy sandwiches and dainty sweets along with an exhibition and sale of fine arts and crafts in the Church hall. Also drop by the sanctuary to view Wilmot Quilters' display of beautiful quilts. Admission is \$10; for advance tickets, call 458-1066. Limited tickets also available at door.

Run for the Word 2018 will be held on June 2 in Fredericton at Wilmot Park. This is one of the few annual fund raisers that the **Canadian Bible Society** hosts locally. It gives us the opportunity to help provide scripture resources used in Canadian ministry with youth camping, armed forces, prisoners, indigenous people, refugees and migrants and others. This is an excellent opportunity for some exercise (run or walk 1 k or 5 k), fellowship, fresh air, get prizes, enjoy a barbecue and make a difference with God's Word. Please, mark your calendar, pray for the event and consider how you and a friend may participate. More info will follow.

Bill MacMullin, event coordinator, 238-5034, canonbill@gmail.com

Wesley United Church's closing service, to be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sun. June 24th. The service will include Holy Communion and be followed by an informal time of fellowship with Coffee and Muffins for M&S.

The Food Bank continues to thank you for the support you've given us, but also wants to ask you to consider giving of your time and skills. We run our organization through many thousands of volunteer hours, and we could always use more. If you are interested in helping us, we have many different ways to help: clothing boutique sales and support, client interaction, warehouse stocking, garden/greenhouse work, as well as any and all use for professional skills in the areas of graphic design, public relations, IT work, nutrition, and many other skills. Please contact us at volunteer@greenervillage.org if you are able to help.

.Minute for Missions /Bringing Kids to Nature!

Our gifts for Mission & Service support inner-city programs for children, like Camp Cosmos run by Montreal City Mission.

An 11-year-old girl has new respect for her 9-year-old brother with special needs thanks to the environmental summer day camp.

Eden Haber, Assistant Director of Camp Cosmos, learned about the experience from their mother. Before the camp, the girl felt ashamed of her brother, says Eden. At the camp she was able to see how he interacted with other campers and how they enjoyed being with him, and her attitude changed. "She came out of the camp saying she was proud to have him as her brother."

This is just one example of how Camp Cosmos brings together children: those with special needs and those without; kids who have lived in Canada their whole lives and refugees who arrived a month ago; children from different economic backgrounds, cultures, and faiths. "It's a good opportunity for kids to integrate with other kids," says Eden.

An environmental focus is fundamental. It's reflected practically, as the camp tries to achieve zero waste through recycling and composting.

"These kids are growing up downtown and don't have a tangible connection with the environment," says Eden. The camp provides that. Campers learn through ecological games, organic gardening, outings in nature, and visits to local farms.

Montreal City Mission, through Camp Cosmos, offers children and youth an appreciation of nature and a place to learn leadership skills that will help them become caring adults working for a better world.