

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



**5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 24, 2018 10 am**

“Leave safety behind. Put your body on the line. Stand before the people you fear and speak your mind—even if your voice shakes. When you least expect it, someone may actually listen to what you have to say. Well-aimed slingshots can topple giants.”

--Maggie Kuhn

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 **Mary Grant**.

Our hospitality host is **Marilyn Lohnes**
and our tellers are **Bob Fisher** and **Lorna McKnight**.

*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.*

Today's bulletin is dedicated in memory of Barbara Mitchell,
mother of Joan Mitchell.

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Gathering

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

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

****Introit:** *(sung together twice)*

MV7

**Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.**

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: When we come to this place,
what are we looking for?
When we gather together,
what do we hope to find?

**All: Community?
Caring?
Christ?**

One: When we come to this place,
what are we bringing?
When we gather together,
what do we hope to offer?

**All: Our loves?
Our lives?
Ourselves?**

One: Whatever you're looking for,
whatever you bring, know this:
this is God's home,
you are God's beloved,
and you are welcome here.

One: Let us worship God!

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Gathering Prayer

(said by all in unison)

Every moment is a new beginning with you, God.
Every second a reminder
of your love!
Bless our shouts,
bless our words,
bless our songs,
that they might become actions
filled with the promise of the life
that you are in us.
May it ever be! Amen.

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****Opening Hymn:** I Have Called You by Your Name MV 161

Exploring

Children's Time

****Song of Praise:** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing VU 326

Words from Our Bible: John Fisher

Psalm 13 VU Page 734 (with refrain)
1 Samuel 17

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music: The Courage To Say Never by Alex Good

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** Body, Mind and Spirit MV 153

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** *(sung together twice)* 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.

**Prayer After Giving

Prayers of Our Community

(Sung response) VU 400

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

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:** It's a Song of Praise to the Maker MV 30

****Sharing the Light**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

****Choral Amen:** *(sung together twice)* VU 298

**When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.**

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

"How Great Our Art", a display of the creative talents of the Forest Hill folk, will be held on Saturday September 22nd. If you are an artist, author, photographer, or musician and would like to be a part of the show, please speak to committee curators Mary Grant, Margie Roxborough or Karen Flinn, or email Libby Cassidy libby.ejcassidy@gmail.com before the end of June.

Forest Church begins on July 1st. This will be for all the Sundays in July. We are looking for volunteers to get dirty and have fun.

Bible Study will take place on Sundays at 12:30, starting July 8th. Please bring your own lunch.

Theology on Tap Please join us at Dolan's Pub on the third Monday of July (the 16th) from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

BBQ at the Manse on July 21st, at 4:00 p.m. hosted by Rev. Deborah and John. Bring your own chair.

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.

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

Wesley United Church's closing service will 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. You will need to bring a copy of Voices United for this service. Please remember to bring back the book.

If you are looking for ways to volunteer time for flood disaster relief both the Canadian Red Cross and Samaritans Purse are currently active. For the Canadian Red Cross, you need to pick up an application from their head office at 318 Maple Street. For Samaritans Purse call 1-844-547-2663.

The Fredericton Region Museum is hosting summer camps, beginning on July 3 and ending on August 3 for children ages 8-11. There are 3 free slots each week for underprivileged children. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

SUMMER HYMN SINGS - Do you enjoy lively hymn singing? Why not join us for our series of summer hymn sings to be offered on the third Tuesdays of July (17) and August (21) at 7 pm at Brunswick Street Baptist Church. We sing your choices accompanied by organist, David Steeves and pianist, Leah Steeves. After an hour of singing join us for an ice cream sandwich and conversation. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MORNINGS - The congregation of Brunswick Street Baptist Church will be sharing a week of morning children's programming with the greater Fredericton community from Monday, June 25 to Friday, June 29 from 9 am to noon each day. It's an "island" theme of being 'shipwrecked' and rescued by Jesus. Children are encouraged to find strength in times of loneliness, struggle, fear, etc. This message is shared in fun games, snacks, stories, crafts and so much more. There is no cost. To preregister visit www.bsbc.nb.ca and click on the "shipwrecked" logo or call the church office (458-8348). This VBS program is offered to children who will be entering Kindergarten to Grade 5 this fall.

Minutes for Mission An Investment in the Future

Our gifts for Mission & Service, together with emergency funds and Gifts with Vision, enabled us to build a church-run high school in Haiti.

The opening of a new secondary school in Duplan, in the hills above Port-au-Prince, was the high point of celebrations marking the 200th anniversary of the Église Méthodiste en Haïti (Methodist Church in Haiti) in February 2017. The United Church of Canada financed 80 percent of the cost of building the seven-room structure following the massive earthquake that hit Haiti in 2010, destroying or damaging many schools and churches and killing between 225,000 and 300,000 people.

The shiny yellow building housing the new secondary school is bursting with 215 students and 19 staff. Already, Edzair Paul, who heads up the Methodist school system, is dreaming of adding computer and science labs, as well as a playing field so students don't have to compete with motorbikes as they play soccer on the dusty road near the school.

Education was the church's calling card to Haiti. In 1817, the first president of the Republic of Haiti authorized the first Protestant missionaries to come to the island nation on the understanding that their work would include providing schooling in the newly formed country. Today, the Methodist Church runs a system of 105 primary schools, 15 high schools, and a teachers' college, as well as three vocational schools. With children in some areas travelling two hours by foot over rocks and boulders to get to school—sometimes without having had breakfast—the need for a major investment in education is clear. Mission & Service makes these schools accessible to families with limited incomes, an important investment in the future of Haiti.