

Forest Hill United Church
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



7th Sunday of Easter
Christian Family Sunday
May 13, 2018 10 am

“All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.”
Julian of Norwich

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 **Jennifer Abbott**.
Our Sunday School Teacher is **Christine Hughes**.
Our hospitality host is **Jennifer Abbott**
and our tellers are **Jennifer Abbott** and **Mary-Anne Blakney**.

*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: The time has come for worship,
and we have gathered here,
family and friends in the faith,
to bring the living of our lives
as an offering of thanksgiving to God
who formed us in the womb,
and shaped us,
and nourishes us day by day.

All: **We come as God's people.
We come as we are.
May this time be a time of giving thanks.
Come, and let us worship God.**

*Adapted from the prayer by **Bob Root**, Peterborough, Ont. **The
Gathering**, Lent/Easter 2018, page 49. Used with permission.*

Gathering Prayer

(said by all in unison)

You touch our lives
in so many ways, God.
In the love others share with us,
in the love we offer,
in this family that calls us home,
your love shines on.
When we feel less than we are,
when we're lost,
when we're sure we're alone—
remind us that we're wrong.
Remind us that you are the One
who gave us birth,
and the One who calls us to life!
In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

*Adapted from the prayer by Richard Bott, Dunbar Heights U.C., Vancouver,
B.C. The Gathering, Lent/Easter 2018, page 49. Used with permission.*

****Opening Hymn:** Never Ending Joy MV #40

Exploring

Children's Time

****Song of Praise:** Come, Let Us Sing VU #222

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

Words from Our Bible:

Laura Eliaba

Luke 24:44-53
Psalm 47 VU 771 (refrain 2)
Acts 1:1-11

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music: Come, Lift a Song of Joy by Sonya Poorman

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** O Beautiful Gaia MV 41

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** *(sung together twice)* MV 32

Halle, hallelujah, halle, hallelu,
halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah!

**Prayer After Giving

Prayers of Our Community

(sung together twice) 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:** Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour VU 665

****Sharing the Light**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

****Choral Amen:** *(sung together twice)* VU 974

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship!

OFFICE HOURS

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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

Forest Hill United Church has an 8 week position open for a student this spring/summer. The job will involve a variety of different projects, including working with our Affirm Committee to further our LGBTQ+ ministry. For more details please contact FHUC office at foresth.office@bellaliant.com.

THANK YOU to all who walked for Hike for Hospice, our team had 18 walkers and one dog. Thank you also to those who supported and sponsored us. Our team raised \$1,751.00 for the work Hospice House does.

50th Anniversary Banner Would anyone who is interested in the creation of the 50th Anniversary Banner please speak to Mary Grant after the service. It is intended that the banner will harmonize with the 25th Anniversary Banner and the input and assistance of any of the people who created that banner would be greatly appreciated.

Theology on Tap please join us at Dolan's Pub on the third Tuesday of every month from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Our next gathering is May 15th.

Communion helpers will be needed for May 20th.

Sunday May 27, 7:00 p.m. Hymn-Sing and Concert as part of FHUC's 50th Anniversary year of celebration. The planning committee is excited about this special event and you are encouraged to bring your family and all your friends.

Sunday School Planning Meeting after service on June 10th. Anyone interested in helping with Sunday School for next year is invited to attend.

Saturday June 23rd, "Wolastoq Reclaiming Her Name Ceremony", further to the discussion of Grand Chief Ron Tremblay, more details will follow.

Please check the **Lost & Found** on the shelf over the coat hangers in the 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.

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



Want to chat?

Rev. Deborah is in her office Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 1 pm until 4pm, or any other time by appointment. She would love to have you drop in or call!

Just a friendly reminder that Forest Hill United Church is a **scent-free environment**. Strong scents, aftershave lotions and perfumes have an effect upon others with allergies and asthmatic problems. No scents make good sense.



Community Events

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a Ham & Potato Scallop & Baked Bean Dinner on May 16, 2018, 4 – 6 p.m. \$14/adult. Please call 457-1666 to reserve your tickets.

SPRING DINNER – barbeque chicken breast with all the fixings – Sunday, May 27th at Saint Andrews United Church in Harvey. There is reserved seating with two sittings (4 and 5:30 p.m.) Adults \$15, Children \$5, Under 3 – FREE. Seating is limited so get your tickets early. Tickets available by calling Jack Wilkin at 366-3249 or by emailing HarveyUnitedSuppers@gmail.com

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.

Wilmot Park Gazebo Saturday, June 2, 2018 10:00 AM – Noon
RUN FOR THE WORD Mark Your calendar – June 2, 2018 Run for the Word 10:00 a.m. at Wilmot Park – 1K/5K Run/Walk 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon in support of the Canadian Bible Society. Our headlines remind us that many Canadians are hurting with life's challenges. Your support for Run for the Word 2018 can help the Canadian Bible Society provide the healing power of God's Word. WHY NOT RUN/WALK for the word yourself? Good exercise and fellowship and a Good Cause. Your friends would want to HELP. There are registration packages available at the church office or at www.biblesociety.ca/event/run-word

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@greenvillage.org if you are able to help.

Minute for Missions

A Life of Giving in Action

Our gifts for Mission & Service support overseas personnel like Catherine Christie. We give thanks for their calling and for their giving hearts!

At a recent worship service where Catherine was preaching, she declared, "Here is your Mission & Service giving in action!"

A Bedford, Nova Scotia, native, Catherine recently returned to Canada after many years in Korea serving with the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) and the National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCCK). Among other tasks, she assisted with English-language communication work to facilitate relationships between the PROK and its partner churches around the world.

The PROK has a central focus on working for justice for all, particularly for those most vulnerable and those who are marginalized; gender justice; justice for the earth; reconciliation and reunification of the divided Korean people; and peace for the Korean peninsula, the Northeast Asia region, and the wider world. Deeply committed to the international ecumenical movement, Catherine worked within the PROK in active solidarity with some 30 partner churches and organizations.

Catherine has a deep passion for the reunification of Korea. She has also been a strong voice for female empowerment in Korea. These two passions led her to participate in a walk in the demilitarized zone between the North and South of Korea with other women activists to illustrate the need for connection between the two regions to bring justice to the entire Korean society. We are thankful that, through Mission & Service, overseas personnel like Catherine have been given the ability to inspire and empower.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.