

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



2nd Sunday of Easter
April 8, 2018 10 am

“HOPE is putting FAITH to work, when doubting would be easier.”
~Thomas S. Monson

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.

Our worship leader is **Sarah Magie**.

Our music is led by music director **Alex Good**
and the **FHUC Choir**.

Our greeters this morning are **Joe Rideout** and **Lorna McKnight**.

Our Sunday School Teacher is **Margie Roxborough**.

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: Christ is risen!

All: Now what?

One: The disciples clung to each other.

They huddled in the upper room, waiting.

All: Would the authorities come to take them, too?

One: Instead, Jesus himself appeared, despite the locked door.

All: What next?

One: Next came doubts and questions,

assurances and instructions, and a last word:

**All: “Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.”**

One: Christ is risen! Now what?

All: Now we come together to wait for him.

One: May the risen Christ bless us

as we worship what we have not seen, yet believe.

Let us pray...

Written by Sarah Magie. March 28, 2018

Gathering Prayer

(said by all in unison)

We come before you, Holy Friend, with the greetings of the risen Christ still ringing in our ears!
You have done great things for us,
though we barely understand them.
You have done great things for us,
though we sparingly share their riches.
You have done great things for us,
though we rarely live in their full glory.
Today, in this ongoing season of Easter,
please let the Spirit of Christ surprise us again,
with all his deathless truth and grace,
and raise us up from the ordinary of everyday life
into the extraordinary of life in Christ.
In the name of the risen Christ, we pray.
AMEN

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****Opening Hymn:** VU 232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Exploring

Children's Time

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

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

Words from Our Bible:

May Houston

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133 VU 856

John 20:19-31

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:**

VU 169 When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides

Responding

Minute For Missions

Mary Grant

Presentation of Our Gifts

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

MV 32

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

****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
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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:** MV 209 Go, Make a Difference

****Sharing the Light**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

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

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!
repeat

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

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.

Movie Night Friday April 20th 7:00 pm "The Shack" Length: 132 min. mature theme, violence, disturbing content

Fair Trade baking supplies. The following fair trade Camino baking supplies are available from the La Siembra co-operative that supplies the chocolate bars and hot chocolate mix we have been selling since December: Brown sugar (\$9/1kg), chocolate chips, semi-sweet or bittersweet (\$7/225g), shredded coconut (\$6/200g), baking chocolate, unsweetened, bittersweet or semi-sweet (\$9/200g). For each item, 1/2 the purchase price will support outreach activities at Forest Hill. If there is sufficient interest, I will include some of these items in the next order. Please contact John Neville (johnjniv@gmail.com, 455-0576) to express your interest or for further information.

HIKE for HOSPICE will take place on Sunday 6th May 2018 starting at 1.00pm. 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.

Hymn-Sing and Concert, May 27th, 7:00p.m. Please or email or fill out a form after the service, if you would like to request a favourite hymn. Requests must be received by May 1st. Suggested donation per hymn choice is \$20. An income tax receipt will be provided on request.

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

Godly Play Core Training for Storytellers & Doorpersons 2018 Core Training at Nashwaaksis United Church, NB March 24 (storm date April 14), April 21, and 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.

Meals on Wheels Fundraiser Wednesday, April 11th at Dolan's Pub. Enjoy music by the band "8Track Mind" from 7 to 10 pm. There will also be a 50/50 draw and a silent auction. The list of auction items is at <https://mow506.files.wordpress.com/2018/04/dolans-silent-auction-item-list-2018.pdf> Cover charge of \$10 will go directly to Meals on Wheels.

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.

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!

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

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

Organ Donation across “Enemy Lines”

Our gifts for Mission & Service support health and peace and the breaking down of barriers to peace. In the Holy Land, bringing ordinary Israelis and Palestinians peacefully together is extremely difficult in such a tense and violent environment. But the International Christian Committee in Israel (ICCI) does just that.

Along with Palestinian girls’ empowerment programs in Arab towns in Acre, the ICCI brings Palestinians and Israelis together through a variety of programs, from academic conferences to supporting inter-ethnic organ donation. As Hussam Elias, ICCI’s Executive Secretary, says, “Arabs and Jews are not ‘doomed’ to live together but should live together.”

The medical expenses related to organ donation in Israel are covered by the state; the ICCI raises awareness and organizes conferences to break down the social barriers and conflicting ideas about organ transplants that have been in place across cultures. Often, people only want to donate within their own ethnicity.

As a result of the support of the ICCI and other organizations, Israeli and Palestinian families come together in very unique, life-giving situations.

One Arab youth was killed in a car accident, and his family donated his heart to a Jewish person; when the boy’s mother met the recipient, they hugged, and she said it felt like she was hugging her son. In another case, a Jewish family donated the liver of a relative to a young Arab man. When he got married, he invited his donor’s family, and the wedding photos show them all together as one big family.

As a piece of anonymous street art in the city of Haifa says, “This is for the organ donors, reminding us all that we won’t be strangers for long.”

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.