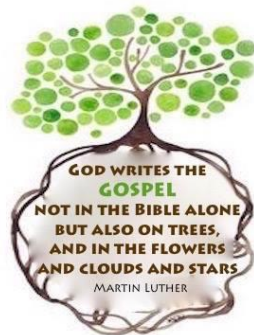


# Forest Hill United Church

**'open doors, open hearts, open minds'**



**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 19, 2018 10 am**

“And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane  
by those who could not hear the music.”

~Friedrich Nietzsche

**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 **Lorna McKnight** and **Joe Rideout**  
and our teller is **Jennifer Abbott**.

*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)*

MV79

Spirit, open my heart  
to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: When the world divides us

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.**

One: When the world calls us orphaned

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.**

One: When the world leads us astray

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and set our hearts on  
fire!**

**Gathering Prayer** *(said by all in unison)*

**O Living God of past and future,  
we praise you  
for this present moment.  
Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit,  
that our strength may be renewed  
to sing a new song of your glory  
in a world which longs for your justice and peace.  
All this we ask in the name of Jesus,  
in whom we become  
your new creation.**

## Responding

**\*\*Opening Hymn:** Come, O Holy Spirit MV 23

### Exploring

#### Children's Time

**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.

VU 921 Ecumenical Version

**Words from Our Bible:** Jean Fisher

Acts 2:43-47  
Psalm 149 VU page 873 refrain 1  
John 14:15-31

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music:** Closer to Fine by Amy Ray

#### Reflection

**\*\*Hymn of Reflection:** Dance with the Spirit MV 156

#### 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** (*said by all in unison*)

**We make our offerings, small and large,  
with the hope and confidence  
that all we do,  
all we offer,  
all we say,  
all we think, and all we hope  
will take root in this world  
and be the source of new expressions  
of God's love,  
of God's justice,  
of God's character,  
of God's mission,  
and of God's reign.  
May God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven  
through us,  
alongside us,  
despite us,  
and for us. Amen.**

#### 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!**

**\*\*Closing Hymn:** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

VU 375

**\*\*Sharing the Light**

**\*\*Commissioning and Benediction** (*Responsive*)

One: May the God who is community

**All: be with us as we seek to be a community**

One: May God bless our dreams

**All: and may God shatter our dreams**

One: May God help us to be real

**All: and to find depth in weakness and brokenness**

One: May God help us to face and grow through conflict

**All: rather than pretend by being nice**

One: May we look at each other through soft eyes  
and truly respect each other as human beings

**All: May God help us let go of control  
and the need to fix one another**

One: May God help us discover we are needy in our own souls  
and give attention to our own hearts

**All: May God grant us the gift of an extraordinary love  
that flows from the heart of God. Amen.**

**\*\*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 lemonade and conversation after worship!*

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## Church News

### COMING UP @ FHUC

**Quilt Group** Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room

**Theology on Tap** Monday August 20, at 8 pm

**An interfaith vigil** in memory of the 4 people killed in Fredericton took place on Saturday. It was well attended and well received. Thank you to everybody who came in body or in spirit.

**The pride parade** was a sombre but celebratory affair. Thank you to all who took part.

**While Reverend Deborah is away**, Rev. Bob is available for emergencies at 476-8020 cell and 451-8165 home.

**Theology on Tap** Please join us at Dolan's Pub on the third Monday of August (the 20<sup>th</sup>) from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

**Forest Church** will be for all the Sundays in August. We are looking for volunteers to get dirty and have fun.

**Blessing of the Backpacks** will be on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please remind all the kids to bring their backpacks on that day.

**Vacation coverage.** Kris Yarych, our Admin Assistant is on vacation Tuesday August 28 and Thursday August 30. We are looking for someone to answer the phone both afternoons. Instructions for checking the voicemail are available. If you can help either or both of those days, please let Mary Grant know. Also, bulletin notices for September 2<sup>nd</sup> will need to be in to the office by noon on Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Fun Fall Activity** Rev. Deborah is looking for a group of volunteers for a fun fall activity. She is planning an information session on September 9th after church to plan what will be a fun filled day of fellowship and outreach. Everyone is invited to stick around and get involved.

**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”.

**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

**Summer Time Hymn Sing** - Join the congregation of Brunswick Street Baptist Church for a Hymn Sing of your favourite hymns on Tuesday, August 21 at 7 pm. The evening will be accompanied by David Steeves (organ) and Leah Steeves (piano) and end with an Ice Cream Sandwich Social. All welcome.

**Giant Yard Sale** rain or shine at Grace Memorial Baptist Church gym, 536 Northumberland St, Sat, Sept 1 from 8 AM to 1 PM. Proceeds will go towards a 2019 Mission Trip to the Philippines.

**Divorce Care support group** will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 536 Northumberland St, on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM, beginning September 11. **Grief Share support Group** will be held on Mondays from 7:00-9:00 PM, beginning September 17. For more information or to register please contact the church office 458-8527 or [gracem@nb.aibn.com](mailto:gracem@nb.aibn.com).

## Minute for Mission Safe Haven, Stepping Stone

Our gifts for Mission & Service create community and support people living on the margins. Centre 507, located at Centretown United Church in Ottawa, is an adult drop-in centre and support service that describes itself in its motto: “Safe Haven, Stepping Stone.” Each day, 100 or more people—many facing such challenges as homelessness, poverty, addiction, mental illness, unstable housing, chronic unemployment, and physical abuse—come into the centre seeking a safe and friendly environment. Daniel Hayward is a former chaplain at Centre 507. He reminisces about his days journeying with the people who drop in: “A lot of coffee and many games of chess! I remember listening to a man who had been released from prison in Kingston, got on the bus to Ottawa, and ended up right away at 507, which is two blocks from the bus station. A young woman came in looking for support; she was pregnant and had been rejected by her church. Parents would arrive, searching for adult children who could be on the streets in Ottawa. A volunteer from a local United Church would repair clothing for grateful participants. “I led memorial services for participants who had died. One man had no family or money at all and received the solitary burial provided by the government, but the people of Centre 507 and Centretown United showed up so that he would not be alone. Centre 507 staff, volunteers, and participants make a great effort to ensure that no one feels abandoned.” Mission & Service cares for these neighbours.