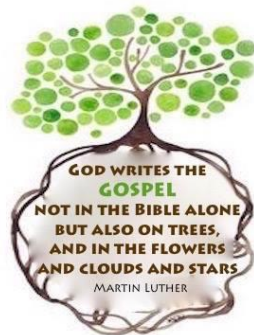


# Forest Hill United Church

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



**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 26, 2018 10 am**

**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 **Bob Fisher**.

*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

**Hymn:** I Am a Child of God

MV 157

**Call to Worship:**

One: Come let us sing to God a new song!

**All: We come to sing of our faith.**

One: Come let us sing of God's great love.

**All: We come to sing that we are loved.**

One: Come let us hear the words that God's love is for all  
people.

**All: We come to hear and be challenged by song, Word,  
and prayer, reminding us of the Great Love of the  
universe.**

One: Come, let us learn how to proclaim God's love.

**All: We come to listen, and to learn to sing new songs of  
hope and love.**

One: Come, pray the songs that are in our hearts!

**\*\*Hymn:** Make a Joyful Noise

VU 820

## Gathering Prayer

*(said by all in unison)*

We come together with gladness and gratitude, Loving God, that you have chosen humanity to receive your mercy and compassion. We come to praise you and confess our love for you in song, thankful for the ways that your Spirit has touched the hearts of lyricists and musicians who put our thoughts, concerns, and dreams to music that we can offer back to you. Understanding God, some of us come before you today, not entirely sure that you're here; not sure if you are listening to us; and perhaps not even sure if you exist. Comfort us, O God, and remind us that you accept and love all of us, for who we are – our songs, however out of key we may be; our doubts; our questions; and all our loving. Between the notes we sing today, Listening One, hear our stories that we weave among the words that touch our lives through song. Make your presence known to us, Holy One, in the music that uplifts our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### \*\*Opening Hymn:

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet VU 245

## Exploring

### Children's Time

Connecting to Our Hearts Longing: Spirit of Life VU 381

Assurance of God's Presence: Amazing Grace VU 266

Story: "Morning Has Broken"

\*\*Hymn: Morning Has Broken VU 409

## Gospel Lesson:

John 15:9-17

One: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise be to you, O Christ

Response: Santo, Santo, Santo (x3) VU 951

Special Music: Old Rugged Cross by George Bennard

### Reflection

\*\*Hymn of Reflection: Precious Lord, Take My Hand VU 670

## Responding

Offering: Walk with Me (During Collection) VU 649

\*\*Doxology: For the Gift of Creation VU 538

*For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.*

### \*\*Dedication of the Offering

### Prayers of the People:

All: God who sings through us, we thank you...

One: For the talents and the abundance of gifts that are ours,  
we thank you;

All: For the faith that stirs and grows in our hearts, we  
thank you;

One: For the many people who have been your instruments of  
goodness in our lives, we thank you;

**All:** For the moments when we have known the song of your presence in a special way, we thank you;  
**One:** For the times when your goodness has made music through us, we thank you;  
God, listen to your children praying...

(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!**

**All:** God of goodness, help us to trust in you...  
**One:** When fear rises up in us and we do not believe in our ability to be your instruments, help us to trust in you;  
**All:** When the busyness and schedules of our lives press upon us and create questions about your song within us, help us to trust in you;  
**One:** When we doubt your presence in the difficult aspects of our days, help us to trust in you;  
**All:** When we lose sight of the truth that we are called to be instruments of goodness, help us to trust in you;  
**One:** When emptiness, loneliness, and other struggles keep us from hearing your melody of love, help us to trust in you;  
God, listen to your children praying...

*All Sing: Voices United #400 "Lord, listen to your children praying"*

**All:** God of love, sing your song through us...  
**One:** As we grow in believing in your goodness, and ours, sing your song through us;  
**All:** As we allow more and more of who we are to be influenced by your presence, sing your song through us;  
**One:** As the song of your love grows in us and the call to be your instruments becomes clearer to us, sing your song through us;

**All:** As we struggle to know how and when to share our gifts and goodness with others, sing your song through us;  
**One:** As we go forth from this time and place of worship with the desire to be your instruments of love, sing your song through us;  
God, listen to your children praying...

*All Sing: Voices United #400 "Lord, listen to your children praying"*

**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

**\*\*Closing Hymn:** To Show by Touch and Word VU 427

**\*\*Sharing the Light**

**\*\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

**\*\*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

<b>Quilt Group</b>	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
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**While Reverend Deborah is away**, Rev. Bob is available for emergencies at 476-8020 cell and 451-8165 home.

**The Forest Hill Book Club** will meet on Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup> in the Church parlour at 12 noon. The book for September is The Alice Network, by Kate Quinn. Please bring a book title so we may compose a list for the coming months.

**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.

**Sunday School** will resume on September 9th.

**A short Congregational Meeting** regarding fundraising will be held immediately after the service on September 9th.

**Blessing of the Backpacks**, on Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Deborah will be talking to the children about going back to school, and will have the blessing of their backpacks. As an Outreach action, everyone is invited to bring in school supply items any of the next three Sundays. A box has been placed in the Hall for the purpose of collecting any pens, pencils, notebooks, lined paper packs, pencil cases, backpacks etc. that are brought in. We will make sure the items get taken to the Food Bank for those families who need a little help getting their school children ready to return to class this fall. If you need items picked up, please call Jean Fisher at 454-1973.

**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.

**Corn Boil:** Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> following the service. Help is required to husk corn @ 9:15 in the kitchen. Join us for hot dogs and corn after the service.

**Theology on Tap** Please join us at Dolan's Pub on the third Monday of September (the 17<sup>th</sup>) from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

**Friday September 21<sup>st</sup>** How Great Our Art! As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, there will be the world premiere of 4 videos featuring interviews with our charter members. These also include historical photos and video clips. 6:30 for tea, coffee and sweets, videos at 7:00.

**Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup>** How Great Our Art! A display of our members' creativity: visual and fibre artists, woodworkers, photographers, authors and composers. 10:00 - 4:00.

**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

**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.

**GriefShare** Beginning Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm, in the Family Room, Brunswick Street Baptist Church is pleased to offer Grief Share, a 13-week video series by Christian experts on grief and recovery, combined with support group discussions for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Please call 458-8348 if you would like more information.

**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. For more information or to register please contact the church office 458-8527 or [gracem@nb.aibn.com](mailto:gracem@nb.aibn.com).

**GriefShare support Group** will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 536 Northumberland St, 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 Across Turtle Island

Our gifts for Mission & Service support ecumenical partners like KAIROS, which seeks justice and offers ways for faith groups to live out the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In March 2017, 45 people from many different backgrounds—Indigenous and settler, young and old, teachers and counsellors, medical staff and faith leaders—gathered with one common goal, to learn how to facilitate the KAIROS Blanket Exercise at the Saskatoon Friendship Centre, Treaty 6 territory.

Those gathered were committed to living out the Calls to Action, especially as they pertain to education around the impacts of colonization. The KAIROS Blanket Exercise is a rich, complex, and emotional experience of sharing the history of colonization. It tells the story that we are not fully taught in school. The new facilitators committed themselves to carrying the experience into their communities.

The Blanket Exercise can be very powerful for participants. Together, the group learned ways to navigate the anger, tears, and painful revelations that can be brought to light by the experience. The 45 new facilitators listened to the words of the Elders, laughed, and shared together, promising to support one another. The group left with open hearts and open ears, ready to share the good news of truth telling and reconciliation.

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.