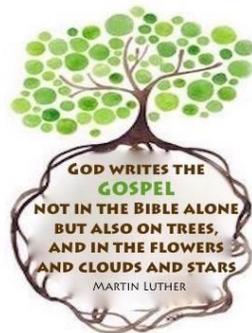


Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 5, 2018 10 am

“I need a God who is bigger and more nimble and mysterious than what I could understand and contrive. Otherwise it can feel like I am worshipping nothing more than my own ability to understand the divine.”

- Nadia Bolz-Weber, Pastrix:
The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint

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 greeter this morning is **May Houston**
and our teller is **Jean 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

Call to Worship:

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world
and indwells our lives.

All: We need not look up to find God,

One: we need only to look around:

**All: within ourselves,
beyond ourselves,
into the eyes of another.**

One: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,

**All: we need only listen to the music of life,
the words of children,
the questions of the curious,
the rhythm of a heartbeat.**

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world
and who indwells our lives.

Gathering Prayer

(said by all in unison)

God of heaven and earth,
Creator of our world, and everything in it,
yet as close to us as our own breath—holy is Your name.
In You we live and move and have our being;
we are Your own children,
the work of Your hands.
We pray that Your Holy Spirit
would move among us as we worship,
opening our eyes to Your presence,
opening our ears to Your Word.
Receive the worship of our hearts and minds and bodies;
may it be a pleasing offering to You.
We pray in the name of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
in whose death and resurrection we find life. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love VU 574

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:

Acts 17:22-28
1 John 4:7-12
John 10:7-10

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music: Faithfully by Jonathan Cain

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** God of the Bible MV 28

Responding

Minute for Mission Diane Robinson

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)*

God of grace,
it is our delight and our devotion
to give these gifts to you.
All we are and all we have
are yours alone.
Accept this joyful offering
as a token of our abiding love:
use it to bring peace, justice
and comfort to all the world. 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:** Bless Now, O God, the Journey

VU 633

****Sharing the Light**

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

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
...In the name of Christ. 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 coffee and conversation after worship!

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Bible Study	12:30 Sundays, bring your own lunch.
Quilt Group	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room

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 will need to be in to the office by noon on Thursday August 23rd.

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

Bible Study will take place on Sundays at 12:30. Please bring your own lunch.

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

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

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. For the next few weeks May Houston (455-7715) will be coordinating the readers. Please help her 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

Needed immediately Due to flooding, 3 dressers, kitchen table and chairs and bedding are needed immediately. A washer (in reasonably good shape) and another kitchen table and chairs are needed. If you, or if you know of someone who can supply any of these needs, please contact Rose Marie Hughes (472-4314) or leave a message at Greenwood Baptist 452-8593

Pride Fredericton is looking for volunteers for August 12. Contact Jean Fisher for details.

SUMMER HYMN SINGS - Do you enjoy lively hymn singing? Why not join us for the last of our series of summer hymn sings on Tuesday, August 21st 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.