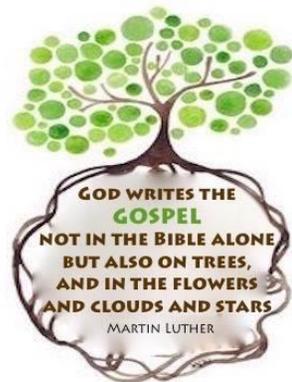


# Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 1, 2018 10 am**

"The woods were God's first temples. . . . One can't help feeling reverent and adoring in such a place. I always feel so near Him when I walk among the pines."

- (Anne) *Anne of the Island*

**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**,  
and our teller is **William Hughes**.

*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: In the majesty of the mountain  
and the thunder of the waterfall,  
**All: we can see God's glory.**  
One: In the call of the loon  
and the reflection of trees in still waters,  
**All: we can see Christ's mercy.**  
One: In the rush of the river and the soaring of the eagle,  
**All: we can see the Spirit's power.**  
One: In the truth of our past relations with our indigenous  
siblings and immigrants left unwelcome and alone,  
**All: we come in sorrow and lament.**  
One: So we come to worship the One who has the power to  
grant us mercy and forgiveness, to show us the way when  
we have stumbled and lift us all equally as beloved.  
**All: We come to give God thanks and praise  
and to offer ourselves  
as God's faithful servants.**

*Adapted from the prayer by Jean Leckie, Heart Lake U.C., Brampton, Ont. The Gathering Pentecost Year B 2018 pg. 33. Used with permission.*

## Gathering Prayer

*(said by all in unison)*

Loving God of the Forest we come to you on these summer days, to worship in song, in prayer and in the private thoughts we kept locked away behind smiling faces. We come here today to open ourselves to Your Word, Your love and Your power. We come to remember Your creation in the sound of the wind whistling through the trees. We come to remember Your creation in the buzz of the bees amongst the flowers in the Children's Garden. We come to see the beauty of Your creation that lives within each of us. We come today, in thanksgiving and in love for all you have given us. Amen.

**\*\*Opening Hymn:** Because Jesus Felt MV 186

## 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. Amen.

VU 921 Ecumenical Version

## Words from Our Bible:

**Brian Cassidy**

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27  
Psalm 130 VU Page 852  
Mark 5:21-43

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music:** Carefree Highway by Gordon Lightfoot

## Reflection

**\*\*Hymn of Reflection:** We Have This Ministry VU 510

## Responding

### 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

### Minute for Mission

**Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher**

### 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:** Be Still, My Soul VU 652

**\*\*Sharing the Light**

**\*\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**\*\*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

<b>Quilt Group</b>	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
<b>Bible Study</b>	12:30 Sunday July 8

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

**Bible Study** will take place on Sundays at 12:30, starting July 8<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your own lunch.

**Forest Hill** is responsible for food supplies for the Go Project at Nashwaaksis United for one day. If you are able to donate something towards this initiative, please sign the sheet on the hymn book cupboard and bring your donation to the church by Monday July 16. Please place it in the fridge if necessary. Thank you for your help with this.

**Theology on Tap** Please join us at Dolan's Pub on the third Monday of July (the 16<sup>th</sup>) from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

**BBQ at the Manse** on July 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. hosted by Rev. Deborah and John. Bring your own chair.

**Interchurch Refugee Committee.** As Presbyteries wind down, so do their subcommittees. Notably the Interchurch Refugee Committee will finish its work at the end of July when the most recently sponsored family will be on their own. If you have made monetary contributions through FHUC in the past, we sincerely thank you. However, we are no longer able to process any more contributions.

**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.

**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

**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.

## **Community Events**

**The Fredericton Region Museum** is hosting summer camps, beginning on July 3 and ending on August 3 for children ages 8-11. There are 3 free slots each week for underprivileged children. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

**STRAWBERRY SOCIAL AND BBQ** will be held at Nashwaaksis United Church from 4 – 6:30 pm on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your choice of one hamburger or hot dog, with a beverage and fresh, homemade strawberry shortcake with whipped cream. Rain or shine – join us for a yummy time!

**If you are looking for ways to volunteer time for flood disaster relief** both the Canadian Red Cross and Samaritans Purse are currently active. For the Canadian Red Cross, you need to pick up an application from their head office at 318 Maple Street. For Samaritans Purse call 1-844-547-2663.

**SUMMER HYMN SINGS** - Do you enjoy lively hymn singing? Why not join us for our series of summer hymn sings to be offered on the third Tuesdays July (17) and August (21) 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.