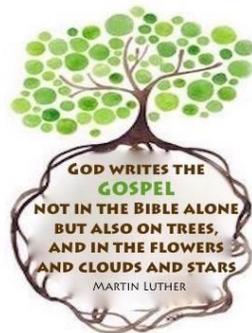


# Forest Hill United Church

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



**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 22, 2018 10 am**

“Most of us were taught that God would love us if and when we change. In fact, God loves you so that you can change. What empowers change, what makes you desirous of change is the experience of love. It is that inherent experience of love that becomes the engine of change.”

— Richard Rohr

**WELCOME** to worship! It is good that you are here.  
Our worship leader is **Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher**.

Our music is led by **Diane Robinson**  
and the **FHUC Choir**.

Our greeter this morning is **Jennifer Abbott**  
and our teller is **Joan Mitchell**.

*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.*

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## 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:

When we come to this place,  
what are we looking for?  
When we gather together,  
what do we hope to find?

**Community?**

**Caring?**

**Christ?**

When we come to this place,  
what are we bringing?

When we gather together,  
what do we hope to offer?

**Our loves?**

**Our lives?**

**Ourselves?**

Whatever you're looking for,  
whatever you bring, know this:  
this is God's home,  
you are God's beloved,  
and you are welcome here.

**Let us worship God!**

*Richard Bott, Dunbar Ryerson P.C., Vancouver, B.C. The Gathering Pentecost Year B 2018  
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## Gathering Prayer

*(said by all in unison)*

Every moment is a new beginning with you, God.  
Every second a reminder  
of your love!  
Bless our shouts,  
bless our words,  
bless our songs,  
that they might become actions  
filled with the promise of the life  
that you are in us.  
May it ever be! Amen.

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**\*\*Opening Hymn:** Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU 395

## 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:

Joe Rideout

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56  
Psalm 89 VU Page 804  
2 Samuel 7:1-14a

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

## Special Music:

Diane Robinson

**Reflection** Let us Build a House

**\*\*Hymn of Reflection:** Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU 374

## 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

### 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:** Let Us Build a House MV 1



**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:volunteer@greenvillage.org) if you are able to help.

## Minute for Mission Compassion in Life and Death

We celebrate that our gifts for Mission & Service have supported Wesley Urban Ministries, which has been offering support for the homeless, refugees, and working poor of Hamilton, Ontario, for over 30 years.

In downtown Hamilton sits a building that looks like any other apartment building, yet when you enter the front doors of the Ferguson Street Centre of Wesley Urban Ministries, you are greeted with the sights and smells of hospitality. Here, meals are served, the coffee and tea are always on, and usually there is a board game that you can join. Journeying from the hum of conversation on the first floor up the stairs, you will encounter a simple room, the chapel. On one wall is a beautiful painting of Christ's life and the cross, along with plaques bearing names. The names tell stories to those who knew these people, stories of addiction and homelessness, but also of friendship and care.

One name on the wall is that of a young man who found a family at Wesley Urban Ministries. People from the community came together in the chapel to say goodbye to him, a man taken too early in life. A few months after his death, a woman came to the centre asking about him. She was his mother and had been searching for him. She was taken to the chapel, and when she saw his name and heard that he had died, she sat and prayed. The staff spoke to her about how many people had come to his funeral and how he was loved in the community. She was so thankful to Wesley Urban Ministries for loving her son and being in his life.

Wesley Urban Ministries is present for those on the margins in life and in death, and their compassion makes a huge difference.

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.