

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



**3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 10, 2018 10 am**

“Leave safety behind. Put your body on the line. Stand before the people you fear and speak your mind--even if your voice shakes. When you least expect it, someone may actually listen to what you have to say. Well-aimed slingshots can topple giants.” --Maggie Kuhn

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 **May Houston**.
Our Sunday School Teachers are **Christine Hughes**,
Rachel Neville and **Margie Roxborough**.

Our hospitality host is **Marilyn Lohnes**
and our tellers are **May Houston** and **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)

MV7

Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: Welcome to worship, you children of the resurrected God.

All: **We come in joy and fellowship on this, the 93rd anniversary of the creation of the United Church of Canada.**

One: Welcome to worship, you stewards of the church.

All: **We come here remembering what has been done by those who came before us.**

One: Welcome to worship, you innovators of the church.

All: **We come here to lift up those who bring fresh ideas and new perspectives to the church.**

One: Welcome to worship, you who are weary.

All: **We come together to support each other as we have always done.**

One: Welcome to worship, you who are on a journey of discovery.

All: **We come together knowing that each of us has a special relationship to God.**

Together we walk our sometimes separate paths to that relationship; knowing that we are loved, supported and encouraged on our journey of faith by the people who make up the Forest United Church family.

Gathering Prayer

(said by all in unison)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, God of the light and the day, God of the whisper and the exultant shout, God of birth and resurrection, God of beginning and endings. On this day we come to this place to acknowledge all that came before us, all that we have done and all that we have yet to do. We are a Resurrection People and yet, now, in the twilight of the church we have come to know, we look down a path of unknowing. Be with us today God as we struggle with leaving what is comfortable and embracing an unknowable future. Our future is bursting with possibilities but right now all we can feel is worry, grief and for some of us, loss. We are here, in this place, together and together we will build the new church on the strong foundations of the old. We do this knowing that we are never alone, for we live in Your world. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU 375

Exploring

Children's Time

****Song of Praise:** Like a Rock MV 92

After the first verse the children and teachers will leave for Sunday School.

Words from Our Bible:

William Hughes

1 Samuel 8:1-18
Psalm 138 VU Page 860
Mark 3: 20-35

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music:

Ave Maria

by Franz Schubert

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU 651

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

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!**

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

****Closing Hymn:** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise VU 264

****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

Sunday School Planning Meeting after service today. Anyone interested in helping with Sunday School for next year is invited to attend.

Bible Study. Will start the second week of June. Day TBA.

Theology on Tap Please join us at Dolan's Pub on the second Monday of June (the 11th) from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Members of our Forest Hill family are invited to an Open House on Saturday, June 16 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Forest Hill Hall. This is a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Jean and Bob Fisher. Music by Alex and a sing-along around 3 pm. Best wishes and memories only.

COMING UP @ FHUC

Sunday School Planning Meeting after service today

Bible Study Starting this week

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

Theology on Tap Monday June 11th at Dolans Pub at 8:00-10:00

Jean and Bob's Open House Saturday June 16 from 2:00 – 5:00

Sunday School Closing and Picnic Sunday June 17th.

Choir Practice Sundays 9:30 and 11:30-12:30 in the Choir Room

Sunday School Closing and Church Picnic, Sunday June 17 10 am on the grounds of the church. Much of the service will be provided by the Sunday School students. After the service, join us for pot luck finger foods (sandwiches, veggies etc.) and games, hikes or a geocaching scavenger hunt. Dessert, juice, coffee and tea will be provided. Bring your finger foods, your lawn chairs, sunscreen, sunhats and bug spray and join us for a wonderful time in the out of doors. In the case of inclement weather, our service and picnic will move indoors.

Ladies Nite Out 6:30 Tuesday June 19, Crowne Plaza Hotel RSVP to May Houston.

"How Great Our Art", a display of the creative talents of the Forest Hill folk, will be held on Saturday September 22nd. If you are an artist, author, photographer, or musician and would like to be a part of the show, please speak to committee curators Mary Grant, Margie Roxborough or Karen Flinn, or email Libby Cassidy libby.ejcassidy@gmail.com before the end of June.

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.

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

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.

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a Steak & Chicken BBQ on Wednesday June 13, 4 – 6 p.m. Adult: \$14. Please call 457-1666 to reserve your tickets.

Campus Ministry Meeting - If you are interested in Campus Ministry, please attend a planning and brainstorming meeting at St. Paul's on Monday, June 18th at 7 pm. Contact Karen Flinn or Shelley Clayton for more information.

Saturday June 23rd, “**Wolastoq Reclaiming Her Name Ceremony**”, further to the discussion of Grand Chief Ron Tremblay. More details will follow.

Wesley United Church's closing service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sun. June 24th. The service will include Holy Communion and be followed by an informal time of fellowship with Coffee and Muffins for M&S. You will need to bring a copy of Voices United for this service. Please remember to bring back the book.

Minutes for Mission Moving Forward in Our Intercultural Work

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the intercultural journey of learning and practice. Carmen Ramirez shares her story today.

“It has been great to be a part of the United Church’s intercultural work. One highly effective branch of this work is the Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry (DUIM) program, which has helped church leaders and community members develop tools and foster attitudes to engage their own contexts. The program has been a life-changing experience for both the participants and the facilitators.

“As a facilitator for DUIM I have been able to learn more about dominant culture individuals and their experience. This has made me a more patient and understanding person. I have realized that we are all not in the same place in our intercultural or faith journey.”

Similarly, one participant had this to say about the program: “I am looking forward to using many of the tools in a variety of my ministry contexts. This includes home in Kahnawake as we engage in relationship building outside the reserve; Montreal City Mission, where we work ecumenically; interfaith encounters with a wide variety of marginalized communities; through my work on right relations with our presbytery; working with my home congregation on relationship building with a variety of cultural groups; and my ongoing work with the Muslim Association of Canada. My heart and head are full of ideas, possibilities, and opportunities to engage the various ministries where I work.”

The DUIM program allows people to move forward in their intercultural work. Our gifts for Mission & Service make this journey possible.