

Forest Hill United Church
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



2nd Sunday after Pentecost
June 3, 2018 10 am

“We want to go to God for answers, but sometimes
what we get is God’s presence.”

— 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 Magee**.

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 **Mary-Anne Blakney**, **Mary Grant**
and **Libby Cassidy**.

Our hospitality host is **Diane Robinson**
and our tellers are **Mary Grant** and **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.*

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:

What if God longs for us?

For a conversation. A relationship.

What if God has been dreaming

Of a future with us. And for us.

What if God called

To hear our voice.

To say I miss you. And let’s make plans.

Would we answer?

Even if answering just might change everything?

Gathering Prayer (*said by all in unison*)

**Holy One, sometimes we treat you like a butler rather than
our most intimate, life-long friend. Forgive us when we
would rather summon and dismiss you according to our
needs, instead of sitting down for a conversation with the
Creator and Lover of All Heaven and Earth. Forgive us
when we prefer offering our own answers over hearing your
questions. We are sorry. Holy One, you are beyond time and
space and comprehension, and still you call us each by name.
We are here. Call to us again. We are your people. Speak to
us again. We are listening, ready to follow. Come, Holy
Spirit, Come.**

****Opening Hymn:** I have Called You by Your Name MV 161

Exploring

Children's Time

****Song of Praise:** Called by Earth and Sky MV135

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

Words from Our Bible: Libby Cassidy

1 John 4:7-21
Psalm 46 VU Page 770
Job 1:1, 2:1-10

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

Special Music: Crucify by Tori Amos

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79

Responding

Minute For Missions Brian Cassidy

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 together twice)* 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:** Thine Is the Glory VU 173

****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

Tuesday June 5th 7:30 pm: 50th Anniversary Planning Committee

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

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

Many thanks to the FHUC 50th Anniversary Planning Committee for a great Hymn-Sing this past Sunday. It was fun! Now we start work on the next event, "How Great Our Art", a celebration of the creativity of FHUC folk to be held the weekend of September 21-23. If you are interested in helping out, please come to a meeting Tuesday June 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Sunday School Planning Meeting after service on June 10th. Anyone interested in helping with Sunday School for next year is invited to attend.

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 at around 3 pm. Best wishes and memories only.

The Forest Hill United Book Club met on Tuesday May 1st in the church parlour. It was decided not to meet in June, so the next meeting will be on Tuesday September 4th. The book chosen for that month is The Alice Network by Kate Quinn. Two other books suggested for summer reading are The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George and Anything is Possible by Elizabeth Strout. Some will remember this author who won the Pulitzer Prize for her book Olive Kitteridge. See you in September.

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.

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

Bible Study. Please sign up on the sheet that is in the hall. This will let me know your choice of day and help us to get started.

50th Anniversary Banner Would anyone who is interested in the creation of the 50th Anniversary Banner please speak to Mary Grant after the service. It is intended that the banner will harmonize with the 25th Anniversary Banner and the input and assistance of any of the people who created that banner would be greatly appreciated.

Please check the **Lost & Found** on the shelf over the coat hangers in the hall. Scarf, hats, mitts, water bottles etc.

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. Or you can call Samaritans Purse at 1-844-547-2663.

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a “Breakfast (\$7/Person) & Yard Sale” June 9th, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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.

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 if you are able to help.