

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



**22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 21, 2018 10 am**

“Worry is like a rocking chair: it gives you something to do but never gets you anywhere” — Erma Bombeck

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 **Mary-Anne Blakney**.

Our Sunday School Teachers are **John Neville**, **Margie Roxborough**
and **Robert Christie**.

Our hospitality host is **Diane Robinson**
and our tellers are **May Houston** 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 or remain seated according to your needs.

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

****Introit:** (sung together twice)

MV2

**Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
Come now and worship the Lord.**

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: Come to this sacred place to find God
in reverence and in awe.

All: We come ready to be inspired.

One: Come to this ordinary place to find God
in everyday life events.

All: We come ready to be surprised.

One: Come to this prayer-soaked place to find God
in each other.

All: We come ready to worship.

One: Come to this place of worship to allow God
to work in your lives.

All: We come ready to let God touch our minds.

One: Come to this house of prayer to allow God
to work in your lives.

All: We come ready to let God enter our hearts.

One: Come to this place of forgiveness to allow God
to work in your lives.

**All: We come ready to forgive and be forgiven
so that God can transform our souls.**

Let us worship God.

Gathering Prayer

O Almighty Creator of heaven and earth,
we earth creatures have come to you,
to worship you, praise you, and honour you.
You have overwhelming belief in us,
even though people and society are full of faults.
May we feel the warmth of your arms around us
when we stray from your teaching.
May we use our bodies, minds, and hearts
as the conduit of your everlasting love.
May our breath sing your songs
every time we open our mouths.
We offer this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scott Martin, St. Andrew's U.C. Georgetown, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2018, page 35.

****Opening Hymn:** My Soul Cries Out MV 120

Exploring

Children's Time

Prayer that Jesus Taught: *(spoken together)*

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere!
Release a space to plant your Presence here.
Imagine your possibilities now.
Embody your desire in every light and form.
Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.
Untie the knots of failure binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.
Help us not forget our Source,
Yet free us from not being in the Present.
From you arises every Vision, Power and Song
from gathering to gathering.
Amen - May our future actions grow from here!

Retranslation (from the Aramaic)

*After the prayer, the children and teachers will
leave for Sunday School.*

Words from Our Bible:

Bob Fisher

Isaiah 11:6- 9
Psalm 104 VU Pages 826-7 Part 2
Matthew 6:25-34

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

Special Music: Holding back the years by Mick Hucknall

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** Lord, Your Hands Have Formed MV 181

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** *(sung together twice)* MV 135

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

**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:** For the Beauty of the Earth

VU 226

****Sharing the Light**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

****Choral Amen:** *(sung together)*

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship!

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Quilt Group	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
Pumpkin Carving	Friday October 26 th 4 – 8 pm

Pumpkin Carving Love the carving but hate the mess? Never carved a pumpkin before? Don't like carving alone? Join us for pumpkin carving at **Forest Hill United Church Friday Oct 26 from 4 to 8 pm. B.Y.O.P.** (bring your own pumpkin). We will supply cider and roasted pumpkin seeds. We have a limited supply of knives/tools, so bring your own if you can. Feel free to wear costumes and leave the mess with us. If you are interested, there will be a workshop on pattern carving (\$25 or \$15 if you have your own tools). Pre-registration is required for the workshop. For more information, contact Margie Roxborough at 455-0576.

Movie Night Friday November 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm Indiana Jones & The Raiders of the Lost Ark. Popcorn and tea will be served.

PUMPKIN SMASH! Sat. Nov. 3 from 2-4 pm at Forest Hill United Church. For \$2 you can use our giant slingshot to smash your Hallowe'en pumpkin or one of ours. Bragging rights for the longest distance and the most spectacular smash! As the parking lot will be the smash zone, please park at St. Margaret's or Bliss Carman. Call Margie Roxborough (455-0576) for details or to arrange for drop-off/pick up of unwanted pumpkins to use in the smash.

The final Theology on Tap of the year will be held on the third Monday of November (the 19th) from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Please join us at Dolan's Pub. We will start up again in the new year.

2019 CALENDARS: The calendars are now available at a cost of \$8.00. If you wish to purchase a copy (or two) please speak to Jennifer either at church or at 454-2829.

Your favourite hymns are being requested. Please fill out a ballot and put your selection in the box at the back of the church.

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

The Fredericton Women's Inter-Church Council is having their Annual General Meeting on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 1:30pm. It will be at St. Paul's United Church, 224 York Street, the corner of York and George Street. All women of any denomination of faith are welcome to attend to prepare for the World Day of Prayer events which will be the country of Slovenia. Our Guest speaker will be Rev. Shirley DeMerchant, President of the Canadian Women's Inter-Church Council.

St. Margaret's Anglican Church is holding a fund-raising breakfast from 8:30 - 10 am on Saturday Nov. 3rd

A Craft Sale will be held on Sat Nov 3 from 9 to 2 at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, corner of Northumberland and Connaught. Proceeds from table rentals will go towards a Mission Trip to the Philippines 2019.

Morning Gate Church (74 Morning Gate Drive) invites you on November 4th, 2018 6:30 pm to experience the first-hand account of John Deweyert, the last surviving member of his family who owned and lived at Hotel Dreijeroord in Oosterbeek, Holland during the battle of Arnhem which was part of "Operation Market Garden". John immigrated to Canada and now lives in Temperance Vale, NB.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES IS COMING TO FREDERICTON!

The International Fair-Trade Gift Sale will be held Friday, Nov. 9th, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 11th from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Wilmot United Church. Admission is free. The gifts you buy at the Ten Thousand Villages Sales will give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world. ****Your support of Fair Trade does make a difference!****

Minute for Mission Drought in Kenya

Our gifts for Mission & Service support global partners in their day-to-day work through long-term change and emergencies.

Our global partner the Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC) works on gender justice, microcredit, sustainable agriculture, and programs to address the extreme hunger caused by drought. Listen to this reflection from a participant in the Mission & Service Global Pilgrimage to Kenya on the visit to an area hardest hit by extreme hunger:

"We left the office of William Lokira, Minister of Agriculture, and made our way up a winding mountain road. The minister's words were still fresh on our minds: 'Please help my people.' We saw dry lands, sparse and skinny livestock, and we saw the hardship in people's eyes. After driving through dry riverbeds, we saw a lot of people running toward a large truck. This was a government water truck delivering water each day.

"OAIC is working in this arid region to support agriculture and food security, including empowering female small holder farmers to advocate on their behalf to impact legislation. Indicators show that when women are at the centre of projects and decisions there is significant progress toward food security. Dry riverbeds, the plea to 'help my people,' the daily water truck, the hope shared by the farmers—these images stay with us. Our gifts for Mission & Service make this hope of a better tomorrow possible."

If Mission & Service 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.



Chiune Sugihara, in an undated photograph.
Credit The Asahi Shimbun, via Getty Images