

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 7, 2018 10 am

"If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life
is thank you, it will be enough."

- Meister Eckhart

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 greeters this morning are **Lorna McKnight** and **Joe Rideout.**

Our Sunday School Teacher is **May Houston.**

Our hospitality host is **Diane Robinson**
and our tellers are **Bob Fisher** and **Lorna McKnight.**

*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

Land Acknowledgement

*At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on
ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqey land.*

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 on this day
set aside for thanksgiving and praise.
- All We come with grateful hearts,
yet anxious minds.**
- One: Come to remember and be still.
For it is in these sacred, gratitude-filled moments that we
will find answers.
- All: We come longing for wisdom
and peace to fill our spirits.**
- One: As we worship God together,
let us be open to receiving all the gifts of God.
Let us be ready to respond
to God's calls to service.
- All: Let us worship God.**

Catherine Tovell, Kilworth U.C. Komoka, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2018, p 43.

Gathering Prayer

(said by all in unison)

We gather, O God, as Christians all over the world gather. Some, like us, gather in freedom and without fear. Others gather in secret, in the shadows, because to mention your name would be a sure stroke of death. Others gather not really knowing why they gather at all. Regardless of our place or our circumstance, all of us gather to hear your word, to praise your name, to feel your presence, and to ask for your guidance. Hear us now as we pray, and strengthen us and all who gather around the world in our week ahead. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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**Opening Hymn:

One Bread, One Body

VU467

Exploring

Children's Time

The Lost Teachings by Michael James Isaac
read by **Jean Fisher and Lexi Fisher**

O Great Earth:

Alex Good

O Great Earth so green and so blue
this is the promise that I'll make to you
to care for your animals for animals can hear
the rhythm of your heart beat.

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,

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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.*

Minute for Mission

Graham Powell

Words from Our Bible:

Jennifer Abbott

Joel 2:21-27

Psalm 126 VU P 850

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music:

Let it Be

Paul McCartney

Reflection

**Hymn of Reflection:

Spirit God, Be Our Breath

MV 150

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

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

MV 189

Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.

**Prayer After Giving

David Sparks, Summerland, B.C. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2018, page 43.

*Mission and Service of the United Church

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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!

Communion

****Closing Hymn:** For the Bread Which You Have Broken VU 470
(Sung before and after Communion)

****Sharing the Light**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

Bob Root, Peterborough, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2018, p 44

****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

October 14th Reverend Richard Bowley will be at FHUC, while Reverend Deborah will be at St. Paul's United Church.

Bible Study on Sunday October 14th at 7 pm in the library. The topic is Abraham and Sarah: call and covenant.

Theology on Tap Please join us at Dolan's Pub on the third Monday of October (the 15th) from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Our next fundraiser, apple pie making, is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Oct 20 from 8:30am until we are finished which is usually around 3. If you are able to help with this either for all or part of the day, please contact Diane Robinson as soon as possible. For those of you have already committed to helping out, thank you; and please note that it will be happening on Oct 20th not Oct 27 as originally was posted on the sheet.

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.

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.

Please go to the Forest Hill United Church Website

www.foresthillunited.com/50th-anniversary There you will find the description, with photos and videos, of our "How Great Our Art" weekend. It is at the end of the full account of our Anniversary year. Video of the Dedication of the 50th Anniversary banner is also on FHUC's Facebook Fanpage.

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

New Maryland United Church Salmon Supper, Sunday, Oct. 14 at New Maryland Rec Centre (754 New Maryland Highway)
Sittings: 4 PM and 5:30 PM Take-Outs Available - Tickets \$17
Call 459-3313 or 455-1948

The UCW of Nashwaaksis United (46 Main St.) will be holding their annual BRIDGE LUNCHEON on Thursday, Oct. 18th, at 12 noon
Please call Connie at 472-4744 to reserve your table (\$40).

COMMUNION LITURGY

Invitation

One: Friends, come, the table that is set, is set for all; around it there are no divisions.

All: Why do we come to this table?

One: We come to this table because of Jesus' command and invitation. In remembrance of him, Jesus tells us to eat this bread and drink this cup.

All: What do we remember?

One: We remember that God sent his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ into the world to become human, like us, but without sin. By his death, resurrection and ascension, he established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be accepted by God and never be forsaken by him.

All: What hope does this meal give us?

One: We come in hope, believing that our feast of communion today is a pledge and foretaste of the great feast we will celebrate together with all God's people when Jesus returns, his kingdom has fully come, and when with unveiled face we shall behold him, made like him in his glory.

All: What faith do we proclaim at this table?

One: With Christians of all times and places, we proclaim our faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The 'New' Creed (unison)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Loving God, you made this marvellous world for us to enjoy.

You sent Jesus into the world to be our Saviour so that we may be united with you.

You send your Spirit to make us one family in Christ. For these gifts of love we thank you. We thank you that he has taken away all that separates us from you, and has united us with you and with one another. We thank you that he has brought us together at this table to strengthen us by his love, to nourish us with his body and blood, and to reveal himself to us. Send your Holy Spirit on us and these your gifts of bread and wine, that we may know Christ's presence, real and true, and be his faithful followers, showing your love for the world. Amen

INSTITUTION

One: Let us hear again, the story of how this feast was instituted.

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

All: Why do we eat the bread?

One: The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. We remember and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins. In the same way, Jesus took a cup, saying: Drink from it, all of you.

All: Why do we drink the cup?

One: The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ. We remember and believe that the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

This is the Lord's Table. Our Saviour invites all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation to sit with him and share in this joyful feast. Come, then, people of God, to the joyful feast of our Lord.

Come, for all is ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ALL: We thank you, O God, that through word and Sacrament you have given us your son who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord.