

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



**17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 16, 2018 10 am**

"What is a farm but a mute gospel?"
Ralph Waldo Emerson

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 **Jennifer Abbott**.
Our Sunday School Teachers are **Margie Roxborough, May Houston**
and **Jean Fisher**
and our tellers are **May Houston** and **Joan Mitchell**.

*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

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 into worship, remembering the land and the place
where you drew your first breath.
All: We remember, and give thanks.
One: Come into worship, acknowledging the lands and places
which have and continue to break open the gift of God's
presence.
All: We acknowledge, and give thanks.
One: Come into worship, trusting and anticipating those places
where God may yet bring you.
All: We trust, and give thanks.
One: Come into worship, companioned by these lands of
origin and revelation and hope.
All: In thanks, we worship.

Gathering Prayer

(said by all in unison)

In holy presence we gather: We lift our voice with the voice of the land: seeking from God what makes for life, crying out for the violence that has been done, longing and working for creation's redemption. We listen with the land for vibrations of God's presence, grounding all in the deep assurance that God is and will be in this place. We lift our voice with the voice of the land: seeking from God what makes for life, crying out for the violence that has been done, longing and working for creation's redemption. We listen with the land for vibrations of God's presence, grounding all in the deep assurance that God is and will be in this place. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** Called by Earth and Sky MV 135

Exploring

Children's Time Land

O Great Earth: Led by Alex

Prayer that Jesus Taught: *(spoken together)*

Words from Our Bible: Joe Rideout

Genesis 1:9-12, 24-30
Psalm 8 VU page 732
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Special Music

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** Each Blade of Grass MV 37

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

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:** O Beautiful Gaia MV 41

**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!

OFFICE HOURS

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Quilt Group	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
UCW meeting	Monday Sept. 17 th , 2:00 pm at Doreen Kissick's
UCW pickle making	Tuesday Sept. 18 th at 10:00
Theology on Tap	Monday Sept. 17 th 8:00 – 10:00 pm Dolan's Pub
Charter Members Videos	Friday Sept. 21 st 6:30 for 7:00
Art Expedition	Saturday Sept. 22 nd 10:00 – 4:00

REMINDER Only plastic cups should be taken into the Nursery.
Pieces of broken glass were found when the carpet was cleaned.

Forest Hill UCW will meet at Doreen Kissick's on Monday, Sept 17 at 2 pm. On Tuesday we will make the pickles at the church at 10:00 am. Please bring a brown bag lunch. This work party is open to anyone who would like to help out. If you would like to help but are unable to come for 10 please come when you are able; many hands make light work.

Theology on Tap Please join us at Dolan's Pub on the third Monday of September (the 17th) from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Friday September 21st How Great Our Art! As part of our 50th Anniversary celebration, there will be the world premiere of 4 videos featuring interviews with our charter members. These also include historical photos and video clips. 6:30 for tea, coffee and sweets, videos at 7:00.

Saturday September 22nd How Great Our Art! A display of our members' creativity: visual and fibre artists, woodworkers, photographers, authors and composers. 10:00 - 4:00.

Youth Sunday is September 30th and this will be led by the group that went on the youth retreat in July. This is in conjunction with St. Paul's United Church.

World Communion Day/Thanksgiving Day is October 7th.

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

GriefShare support Group 7:00-9:00 pm, beginning September 17, will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 536 Northumberland St, For more information or to register please contact the church office 458-8527 or gracem@nb.aibn.com.

The UCW of New Maryland United will hold a Bridge Luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 27th from 12 to 3 at the New Maryland Rec Centre. To book a table of 4 for \$48 call Loraine Ward at 999-3558.

Fredericton Choral Society Fall Term We are all gearing up for an exciting Fall term for the Fredericton Choral Society, together with our conductor, Heather Fyffe, and our accompanist, Catherine MacDonald. Our first rehearsal of the term will be on Tuesday, September 11; registration will continue until Tuesday September 25.

This term, we are delighted to be partnering with the Fredericton Symphony Orchestra to present a St. Cecilia's Day concert on the day itself, Thursday, November 22. This year is the bicentenary of Charles Gounod's birth, so our selection for this term is none other than Gounod's St. Cecilia Mass.

Details are available at <https://frederictonchoralsociety.blogspot.com>

A Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, September 29th, from 9AM to 12 Noon, at St. Paul's United Church, on the corner of George and York Streets in Fredericton. Winter clothing and footwear, small household items, toys, books, etc. Donated items can be dropped at the Church after Sept 24th. Come early to shop and BRING YOUR BAGS!

Enjoy a QUILT SHOW next Friday, September 21, 2-8 pm and Saturday at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street. Light refreshments. Admission by donation, proceeds for church activities. The show will feature new and old quilts plus more. Please note: Quilts may be brought in to Room 116 on Tuesday, Sept. 18th, from 10 am to 3 pm. They can be brought in to the back of the Sanctuary on Thursday, Sept. 20th, from 6 – 8 pm and Friday, Sept. 21st, from 9 – 11 am.

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.).

Minute For Mission Caring for Children in Gaza

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the Near East Council of Churches in caring for children in the midst of the shattered infrastructure of the Gaza Strip.

Of particular concern are children suffering from malnutrition and anemia, both treatable illnesses. The clinics in Shijaia, Darraj, and Rafah estimate anemia and malnutrition affect about 10,000 children in these areas from newborn infants to age six. If treated in time, 60 percent of the children will fully recover.

Parents and children are welcome to come to clinics, and the Near East Council of Churches also runs outreach programs for families who need services and can't get to clinics. In addition to the 10,000 children treated for illness, clinic staff will be able to carry out about 22,000 well baby checks per year. Children with more complicated diagnoses are referred to advanced diagnostic and therapeutic services.

The reality of living in the Gaza Strip is harsh. There are shortages of drugs. The Near East Council of Churches reports a shortfall of about 40 percent in essential drugs needed for mother and child health services. The exposure to health risks has increased, including the spread of communicable diseases, food insecurity, and psychosocial issues. The economic impact of the ongoing blockade and other factors means families have much more limited capacity to contribute to medical costs.

Mission & Service makes it possible for the Near East Council of Churches to address the challenges of providing medical care to children in the Gaza Strip.

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.

