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



# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost September 2, 2018 10 am

"God loves us too much to indulge our every whim."
- Max Lucado

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 and our teller is Lorna McKnight.

At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastogey 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)

**MV79** 

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving, Spirit, open my heart.

#### **Welcome & Church News**

#### **Call to Worship:**

One: We come from places of rest—from summer cottages, summer holidays, lazy days of summer—to gather for worship.

All: As God can be seen in the beauty of creation, the gentle summer breeze that rocks the hammock, and starry nights, so can God be seen in this place. We come to reconnect. We come to see the face of God in the face of others. We come seeking, so that God may be known in our lives, in this place, and in the world.

One: Come, let us worship God. Let us pray together:

All: Gracious God, we thank you that you desire to live in relationship with the human family. Bless us as we gather to worship you. Open our hearts and our minds that we may hear again the story of your love for us and for all that you have made. Bless us, heal us, and transform us, so that we might know that we are both loved and cherished and called to be vehicles of your grace in the world. Amen.

Allan Warren, St. George U.C., St. George, Ont. The Gathering Pentecost Year B 2018 pg. 34 used with permission.

**Gathering Prayer** (said by all in unison) God, as we gather this morning, give us grace to truly seek you. Free us from the cares that claim our thoughts and fill our hearts. Calm the fears that chill us to the core of our being and drive us to despair. Break through the complacency and the boredom in which we often take refuge. Awaken within us the sweet longing for your holy presence. Fill us with your steadfast love and we will rejoice in you,

\*\*Opening Hymn: I Feel the Winds of God VU 625

in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, Amen.

# **Exploring**

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#### Children's Time

#### **Prayer that Jesus Taught:**

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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.

-3- VU 921 Ecumenical Version

#### **Words from Our Bible:**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45 VU page 769 James 1:17-27

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

All: Thanks be to God!

#### **Special Music**

#### Reflection

\*\*Hymn of Reflection: Just as I Am VU 508

# Responding

Minute for Mission Robert Hawkes

#### **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 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: We Are Pilgrims VU 595

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\*\*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**

**Quilt Group** 

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

**The Forest Hill Book Club** will meet on Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup> in the Church parlour at 12 noon. The book for September is <u>The Alice Network</u>, by Kate Quinn. Please bring a book title so we may compose a list for the coming months.

**Sunday School** will resume on September 9th.

**A short Congregational Meeting** regarding fundraising will be held immediately after the service on September 9th.

Blessing of the Backpacks on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Deborah will be talking to the children about going back to school, and will have the blessing of their backpacks. As an Outreach action, everyone is invited to bring in school supply items any of the next three Sundays. A box has been placed in the Hall for the purpose of collecting any pens, pencils, notebooks, lined paper packs, pencil cases, backpacks etc. that are brought in. We will make sure the items get taken to the Food Bank for those families who need a little help getting their school children ready to return to class this fall. If you need items picked up, please call Jean Fisher at 454-1973.

**Fun Fall Activity** Rev. Deborah is looking for a group of volunteers for a fun fall activity. She is planning an information session on September 9th after church to plan what will be a fun filled day of fellowship and outreach. Everyone is invited to stick around and get involved.

**Corn Boil:** Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> following the service. Help is required to husk corn @ 9:15 in the kitchen. Join us for hot dogs and corn after the service.

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

**Friday September 21**<sup>st</sup> How Great Our Art! As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>** How Great Our Art! A display of our members' creativity: visual and fibre artists, woodworkers, photographers, authors and composers. 10:00 - 4:00.

**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 ( $\sqrt{\ }$ ), 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** Beginning Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm, in the Family Room, Brunswick Street Baptist Church is pleased to offer Grief Share, a 13-week video series by Christian experts on grief and recovery, combined with support group discussions for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Please call 458-8348 if you would like more information.

**Divorce Care support group** will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 536 Northumberland St, on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM, beginning September 11. For more information or to register please contact the church office 458-8527 or <a href="mailto:gracem@nb.aibn.com">gracem@nb.aibn.com</a>.

**GriefShare support Group** will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 536 Northumberland St, on Mondays from 7:00-9:00 PM, beginning September 17. For more information or to register please contact the church office 458-8527 or <a href="mailto:gracem@nb.aibn.com">gracem@nb.aibn.com</a>.