

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



15th 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 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*)

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.**

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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,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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

Exploring

Children's Time

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.

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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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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 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 gracem@nb.aibn.com.

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 gracem@nb.aibn.com.