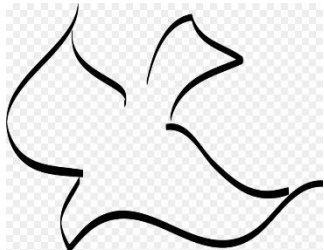


Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



Day of Pentecost
May 20, 2018 10 am

“I believe that appreciation is a holy thing--that when we look for what's best in a person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does all the time. So in loving and appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something sacred.”

— Fred Rogers

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 **John Neville**
and **Margie Roxborough.**

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

Children and teachers are asked to go directly to Sunday School at the beginning of the service and to return during the Communion hymn.

Gathering

At the **, please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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

MV7

Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: Come Holy Spirit, come!

All: Sweep through this room as you once swept through another.

One: Come Holy Spirit, come!

All: Bring to us awareness of our gifts.

One: Come Holy Spirit, come!

All: Alight upon us and remind us of our role in God's world.

One: Come Holy Spirit, come!

All: Open our hearts and minds to new possibilities within ourselves, new possibilities within the church and new possibilities outside of this room.

Gathering Prayer

(said by all in unison)

Today oh Lord we welcome Your gifts as made clear to us in the Holy Spirit. We recognise that it is through us that the work of Jesus Christ continues. It is through us that Your love moves beyond this room and into the world You created. Our hands reach out to extend Your loving embrace. Our eyes look at this sometimes broken world and see beauty, as You do. Our ears listen to hear what is being asked of us as You listen to us. Our hearts open painfully wide to love Your creation as You love us. Today, loving God we begin the journey anew knowing that we, like the disciples before us, have a duty to use our individual gifts for the good of Your world. We do this knowing that while the road may sometimes be rocky, we walk it together as The Body of Christ. We walk this road knowing that You are always with us and we give thanks for You. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** On Pentecost They Gathered VU 195

Exploring

****Song of Praise:** Come, O Holy Spirit MV 23

Words from Our Bible: Diane Robinson and Rev Bob

Romans 8:22-27
Psalm 104 VU Page 827 Part Two
Acts 2:1-21

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

Special Music

Reflection

Responding

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

See Communion Insert

Communion Hymn Bread of the World VU 461
Before and after communion

Prayers of Our Community

(sung together twice) 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!**

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. Amen.

VU 921 Ecumenical Version

****Closing Hymn:** As Comes the Breath of Spring VU 373

****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

Board Meeting	May 23 rd at 7:15 pm
Hymn-Sing	Sunday May 27 at 7:00 pm
Quilt Group	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
Choir Practice	Sundays 9:30 and 11:30-12:30 in the Choir Room

Forest Hill United Church has an 8 week position open for a student this spring/summer. The job will involve a variety of different projects, including working with our Affirm Committee to further our LGBTQ+ ministry. For more details please contact FHUC office at foresth.office@bellaliant.com.

Please check the **Lost & Found** on the shelf over the coat hangers in the hall. Scarf, hats, mitts, water bottles etc.

Forest Hill UCW will meet on Monday, May 28 at 2 pm at the home of Doreen Kissick, 792 Burden St. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us for a time of fellowship

One more week!! Next Sunday, May 27th at 7 in the evening, FHUC's 50th Anniversary celebrations continue with a Hymn-Sing. Guest accompanist, Lynda-Jean Coffin, will join our Music Director, Alex Good, in accompanying a wonderful selection of hymns both old and new. A time of fellowship and refreshment to follow. Bring your family and friends!

The 50th Anniversary Planning Committee is still looking for one or two parking marshals for the Hymn-Sing, Sunday May 27th. Please email Libby at libby.ejcassidy@gmail.com if you can help.

Sunday School Planning Meeting after service on June 10th. Anyone interested in helping with Sunday School for next year is invited to attend.

If you are looking for ways to volunteer time for flood disaster relief both the Canadian Red Cross and Samaritans Purse are currently active. For the Canadian Red Cross, you need to pick up an application from their head office at 318 Maple Street. Or you can Call Samaritans Purse at 1-844-547-2663.

50th Anniversary Banner Would anyone who is interested in the creation of the 50th Anniversary Banner please speak to Mary Grant after the service. It is intended that the banner will harmonize with the 25th Anniversary Banner and the input and assistance of any of the people who created that banner would be greatly appreciated.

The FHUC Book Club met on Tuesday May 1st in the church parlour. It was decided not to meet in June, so the next meeting will be on Tuesday September 4th. The book chosen for that month is The Alice Network by Kate Quinn. Two other books suggested for summer reading are The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George and Anything is Possible by Elizabeth Strout. Some will remember this author who won the Pulitzer Prize for her book Olive Kitteridge. See you in September.

Anyone interested in Church land use issues should check the United Church Observer website. Click on “features” then “Faith” for the article “How Churches are saving themselves through real estate” (by Mike Milne, April 2018). The April edition of the Observer magazine is available in the FHUC library. The article can be found on pages 38-40 under the title “Working the land”.

Fair Trade baking supplies. The following Camino baking supplies are now available: chocolate chips (semi-sweet & bittersweet), shredded coconut, baking chocolate (bittersweet). A wide assortment of chocolate bars are also available. For the Camino items, 1/2 the purchase price will support outreach activities at Forest Hill.

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 Ladies Choir will present their Annual Spring concert at St. Dunston’s Church on Tuesday May 22 at 7:30 pm. Tickets: #15. Portion of proceeds to support the Veteran’s Health Unit.

SPRING DINNER – barbeque chicken breast with all the fixings – Sunday, May 27th at Saint Andrews United Church in Harvey. There is reserved seating with two sittings (4 and 5:30 p.m.) Adults \$15, Children \$5, Under 3 – FREE. Seating is limited so get your tickets early. Tickets available by calling Jack Wilkin at 366-3249 or by emailing HarveyUnitedSuppers@gmail.com

Wilmot Park Gazebo Saturday, June 2, 2018 9:30 AM – Noon
RUN FOR THE WORD Mark Your calendar – 1K/5K Run/Walk in support of the Canadian Bible Society. Our headlines remind us that many Canadians are hurting with life’s challenges. Your support for Run for the Word 2018 can help the Canadian Bible Society provide the healing power of God’s Word. WHY NOT RUN/WALK for the word yourself? Good exercise and fellowship and a Good Cause. Your friends would want to HELP. There are registration packages available at the church office or at www.biblesociety.ca/event/run-word

Wesley United Church’s closing service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sun. June 24th. The service will include Holy Communion and be followed by an informal time of fellowship with Coffee and Muffins for M&S. You will need to bring a copy of Voices United for this service. Please remember to bring back the book.

The Food Bank continues to thank you for the support you’ve given us, but also wants to ask you to consider giving of your time and skills. We run our organization through many thousands of volunteer hours, and we could always use more. If you are interested in helping us, we have many different ways to help: clothing boutique sales and support, client interaction, warehouse stocking, garden/greenhouse work, as well as any and all use for professional skills in the areas of graphic design, public relations, IT work, nutrition, and many other skills. Please contact us at volunteer@greenervillage.org if you are able to help.

Minute for Missions Embracing the Spirit

Our gifts for Mission & Service support innovation in ministry. As a jazz saxophonist, Peter Woods knows that live music performances are spiritually moving events for both the performer and the audience. As an ordained minister, he has always wanted to connect his performances more overtly to faith communities and spiritual growth. That is now happening, thanks to funding from Embracing the Spirit, a Mission & Service–funded learning network and innovation fund. The program fosters new forms of ministry—including drum circles, outdoor labyrinths, arts festivals, and community cooking classes—along with supporting existing faith communities through connection and collaboration.

When Embracing the Spirit was launched at the Skylight Festival in 2016, Woods and his Evensong Ensemble were there to perform. They were later granted an innovation grant, allowing the group to develop professionally, combining the power found in the contemporary jazz-pop concert experience with the progressive theology of the United Church.

“Support from Embracing the Spirit is making that possible,” Woods says. “People have never stopped seeking spiritual nourishment in a musical setting. The music is a vessel and is one part of a message about love and acceptance in the world.”

He notes that Evensong also hopes to connect with other musicians as the United Church seeks to be a credible presence in the Spiritual but Not Religious world. “We want to be part of the conversation” he says, “and funding from Embracing the Spirit is making that possible.”

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.