

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



Trinity Sunday
May 27, 2018 10 am

God saying, "I love the world too much to let your sin define you and be the final word. I am a God who makes all things new."

— Nadia Bolz-Weber, *Pastrix*:

The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.

Our worship leader is **Sarah Magee**.

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 **Shelley Clayton** and **Joan Mitchell**.

Our hospitality host is **Diane Robinson**
and our tellers are **William Hughes** and **Robert Christie**.

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.

Today's bulletin is dedicated to the memory of
Norine and Edward Jones, parents; John Shields, son;
and Donald Grant husband of Mary Grant.

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: The voice of our God and King is heard in blessing, as it echoes in its majestic powers over all creation.
- All: We come to worship our God, and to celebrate the Mystery and Reality that is God's everlasting glory.**
- One: The voice of God is heard in all creation – and it responds with joy to the voice of its Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer.
- All: We come to worship our God, and to celebrate God's power and generosity towards all creation and all peoples.**
- One: We come to worship our God, and to celebrate the way we are welcomed into God's glorious presence.
- All: The voice of our Holy God is heard in the sacred spaces, and God's grace is received as we worship.**

Gathering Prayer

(said by all in unison)

God the creator, we come, in awe of you. We are overwhelmed by the wonder of your creation; we are inspired by the mystery of life; we are amazed by the beauty of your world; we are astonished that such a God would have anything to do with the likes of us. So, we kneel before you, in awe and wonder, humbled before your greatness.

God the Son, who has come amongst us in the person of Jesus; you have walked our streets; you have lifted our children; you have sat in our churches; you have blethered with our fisherman. So we come, with you beside us, no longer remote and distant. We come, no longer in fear and trembling, but seeking the embrace of your love, the smile of your acceptance, the touch of your forgiveness. We dare to come close to you because you have come close to us.

God, the Spirit of Life, we are thankful for your constant presence; for the healing of your love; for the challenge of your Word; for the inspiration of your Gospel; for the community of your Church. Renew us and refresh us; enable us and enliven us; challenge us and change us; prompt us and improve us ... in our worship ... in our mission ... and in our service in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and all to your Glory Amen.

(written by Tom Gordon, and posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website.
<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>)

****Opening Hymn:** Jesus Loves Me VU 365

Exploring

Children's Time

****Song of Praise:** All Creatures of Our God and King VU 217

After the first verse the children and teachers will leave for Sunday School.

Words from Our Bible:

Brian Cassidy

Romans 8:12-17

Psalm 29 VU Page 756

John 3:1-17

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music: Teach Your Children Well By Crosby, Stills and Nash

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** Teach Me, God, to Wonder VU 299

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

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:** Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love VU 574

****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

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

Thank you from Reverend Bob. To the good folk at FHUC. Many thanks for the beautiful cake and coffee hour following the May 20th service. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated.
Sincerely Reverend Bob.

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.

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.

Bible Study. Please sign up on the sheet that is in the hall. This will let me know your choice of day and help us to get started.

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

The Forest Hill United 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.

Theology on Tap please join us at Dolan's Pub on the second Monday of June (the 11th) from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Saturday June 23rd, "**Wolastoq Reclaiming Her Name Ceremony**", further to the discussion of Grand Chief Ron Tremblay, more details will follow.

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

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

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.

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.

Minute for Missions

A Sweet Program of Empowerment

Our gifts for Mission & Service support innovative programs like the cake-decorating program at Tamil United Church, Toronto.

Tamil United shares space at the former Wilmar Heights United Church with the Toronto Southeast Presbytery office. The congregation worships and offers programming for the surrounding community. The program was started by one of the women of the congregation, Ruth, who has her own cake-decorating business and found there was a need among women new to Canada who wanted to start their own businesses.

Vilvan Gunasingham, Chair, Tamil United Church, shared that this program has become an effective social justice outreach to women who are single mothers, unemployed, or underemployed, who now are able to support themselves and their families. Many of the women who took the course now work at major grocery stores decorating cakes in the store bakery. The program also provides a place of welcome to people new to the community.

Your gifts for Mission & Service make possible programs that offer hope to new Canadians.

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.

[Matched with a companion video. View or download at www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada.]