

Gathering Prayer

(said by all in unison)

Creator God, our country has journeyed for years in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission process, seeking understanding, healing, and reconciliation. It has not always been an easy path, but we have sought to walk it together. We have tried to listen to each other's stories. We have sought to understand without judgement. We have noted the differences in values and traditions, but also the places where we share values and traditions. We are all your children. You embrace all in your love. You call us now to reflect that love to each other. You call us to be brothers and sisters on the path to reconciliation. Today let us listen and hear what the Spirit is teaching us. Amen.

Adapted from the by Emma Hebb Seamone from the KAIROS Worship Resources to mark the official close of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

****Opening Hymn:** We are Marching in the Light of God VU 646
(repeat verse 1 twice)

Exploring

Minute for Mission

Karen Flinn

Children's Time

Wolastoq Grand Chief Ron Tremblay

****Song of Praise:** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation VU 325

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

Words from Our Bible:

Marilyn Lohnes

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23 VU 747-749

John 10:11-18

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music:

Life Without Sorrow written and performed by Alex Good

Reflection

****Hymn of Reflection:** Are You a Shepherd? MV 126

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** *(sung together twice)* VU 958

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**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!

repeat

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, O Fount of every blessing VU 559

****Sharing the Light**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

****Choral Amen:** *(sung together twice)* VU 974

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship!

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Anniversary Planning Committee May 8th 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

HIKE for HOSPICE will take place on Sunday 6th of May 2018 starting at 1:00p.m. from Killarney Lodge. If you are interested in being a part of the Forest Hill Team please speak to Jennifer for more information or to receive a donor form and to register.

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.

50th Anniversary Hymn-Sing and Concert, May 27th, 7:00p.m. Please fill out a form after the service or contact the office, if you would like to request a favourite hymn. Deadline for requests has been extended to **May 8th**. Suggested donation per hymn choice is \$20. An income tax receipt will be provided on request.

Anniversary Planning Committee is meeting Tuesday May 8, 7:00pm in the Library.

Theology on Tap please join us at Dolan's Pub on the third Tuesday of every month from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Our next gathering is May 15th.

Communion helpers will be needed for May 20th.

Please check **Lost & Found** on shelf over coat hangers in 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. Many thanks. Lorna McKnight

Community Events

TAKE-OUT Ham Supper – Friday, May 11, 4:00-6:00 pm at Nashwaaksis United Church. The take-out supper includes baked ham, potato salad, coleslaw, roll and dessert for only \$10. Please reserve your take-out by Thursday, May 10th, with Mary Jane at 472-2533. Some may be available at the door.

Celebrate mom and support charity at Wilmot United Church on May 12th from 11 am - 2 pm. Enjoy an elegant tea featuring fancy sandwiches and dainty sweets along with an exhibition and sale of fine arts and crafts in the Church hall. Also drop by the sanctuary to view Wilmot Quilters’ display of beautiful quilts. Admission is \$10; for advance tickets, call 458-1066. Limited tickets also available at door.

Grandmothers helping Grandmothers Fredericton is having a Fish and Chips Kitchen Party at the Market on May 12 from 6-8pm. There will be a delicious fish and chips dinner by chef Rick Huskins, lively music by local entertainers Pat and Dan Steeves, a silent auction and gifts for sale just in time for Mothers Day. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Cash bar. For tickets call Linda Hubbard at 457-0362 lindahub@nb.sympatico.ca Westminster books or Jean Coutu Pharmacy in Devon.

Run for the Word 2018 will be held on June 2 in Fredericton at Wilmot Park. This is one of the few annual fund raisers that the **Canadian Bible Society** hosts locally. It gives us the opportunity to help provide scripture resources used in Canadian ministry with youth camping, armed forces, prisoners, indigenous people, refugees and migrants and others. This is an excellent opportunity for some exercise (run or walk 1 k or 5 k), fellowship, fresh air, get prizes, enjoy a barbecue and make a difference with God’s Word. Please, mark your calendar, pray for the event and consider how you and a friend may participate. More info will follow.

Bill MacMullin, event coordinator, 238-5034, canonbill@gmail.com

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@greenvillage.org if you are able to help.

QUOTATION: Long before my people journeyed to this land your people were here, and you received from your Elders an understanding of creation and of the Mystery that surrounds us all that was deep, and rich, and to be treasured. We did not hear you when you shared your vision. In our zeal to tell you of the good news of Jesus Christ we were closed to the value of your spirituality. We confused Western ways and culture with the depth and breadth and length and height of the gospel of Christ. We imposed our civilization as a condition of accepting the gospel. We tried to make you be like us and in so doing we helped to destroy the vision that made you what you were. As a result, you, and we, are poorer and the image of the Creator in us is twisted, blurred, and we are not what we are meant by God to be. We ask you to forgive us and to walk together with us in the Spirit of Christ so that our peoples may be blessed and God's creation healed.

- The Right Rev. Bob Smith General Council 1986
The United Church of Canada

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