

# Forest Hill United Church

*'open doors, open hearts, open minds'*



Palm Sunday  
April 14, 2019 10 a.m.

Oh God, today we give you our discontent, we give you our restlessness and we give you our despair. Help us to be renewed in your abounding love, to cling to your wisdom and to do the work that needs to be done. Amen.

Adapted from Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

WELCOME to worship!

Our worship leader is Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher.

Our music is led by Alex Good  
and the FHUC Choir.

Our greeters this morning are Brian Cassidy and Libby Cassidy.

Our hospitality host is Jennifer Abbott.

Our Sunday School Teachers are John Neville and Janice Flinn  
and our tellers are Jennifer Abbott and Mary-Anne Blakney.

*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 or remain seated according to your needs.*

### Prelude

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

Today as we light the Christ Candle to remind ourselves of a “with us” God, we also extinguish six Lenten Candles to remind us of the sacrifice God made for the love of us. As we do this we bring to mind the colour green and all the images it invokes for us. Green, the colour of jealousy and want. Frogs and moss. Forests and meadows. Green is the colour of life giving new growth. One candle is lit, 6 are extinguished.

### \*\*Introit:

MV 8 v1

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
and on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
and on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide!  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gates are open wide.

### Welcome & Church News

### A Palm Sunday Story

### Call to Worship:

One: Let us give thanks to God, for God is good.  
All: God's love lasts forever.  
One: Let all the people proclaim it aloud:  
All: God's love lasts forever.  
One: Come, let us worship God.

## Gathering Prayer (All)

Hosanna Saviour,  
we wave our palms and sing our praise  
as we remember your triumphal entry into Jerusalem.  
May your Spirit enter the heart of our worship this day  
giving us the strength  
to endure the journey which is ahead. Amen.

**\*\*Opening Hymn:** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU 123

## Exploring

### Children's Time

#### Prayer that Jesus Taught (All)

Eternal Spirit Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all.  
Loving God, in whom is heaven.  
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed  
by the peoples of the earth!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

*After the Prayer that Jesus Taught,  
children and teachers will leave for Sunday School.*

## Prayer of Confession

One: The gift of mercy is ever before us,  
a fountain that never stops flowing.  
All that is required is for us to accept it.  
All: Thanks be to God for this life-giving gift.

## Promise of Assurance

### Words from Our Bible:

Graham Powell

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31 VU Page 758 Parts 2 & 3  
Luke 19:28-40

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

## Special Music

**Reflection** The Barbed Wire Crown

**\*\*Hymn of Reflection:** Hark the Glad Sound VU 29

## Responding

### Presentation of Our Gifts

**\*\*Offering Verse:** MV 135

Called by earth and sky,  
promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust,  
treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.

### \*\*Prayer After Giving

## Prayers of Our Community

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:** Ride On! Ride On in Majesty VU 127

### **\*\*Sharing the Light**

### **\*\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**\*\*Choral Amen:** MV 8 v2

So enter in the gates of holiness are open wide,  
so enter in the gates of holiness are open wide,  
so enter in the gates of holiness are open wide!  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gates are open wide!

## Postlude

*Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship*

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## Church News

### **COMING UP @ FHUC**

Lenten Study	Today at 1 p.m. in the Library
Forest Hill UCW	Monday April 15 at 2 p.m. at Doreen Kissick's
Theology on Tap	Monday April 15 at 8 p.m. at Dolan's Pub
Quilt Group	Wednesdays 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Upper Room
Maundy Thursday	Thursday April 18 at 6 p.m.
Good Friday	Friday April 19 at 11 a.m.
Easter Sunrise	Sunday April 21 at 6:30 a.m. at Research Farm
Easter Service	Sunday April 21 at 10 a.m.

Lenten Study: April 14 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor, which can be purchased downtown at Westminster Books or signed out from the Public Library.

Forest Hill UCW will meet on Monday April 15 at 2 p.m. at the home of Doreen Kissick, 792 Burden St. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us.

Theology on Tap will be held on the third Monday of April (the 15<sup>th</sup>) from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please join us at Dolan's Pub.

### Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday Service & Potluck. Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Please bring main to share. Dessert of grapes provided. .

Good Friday Service Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

Sunrise Service Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 a.m. at the Potato Research Farm, Lincoln Road. Potluck breakfast back at the church after.

Easter Service at 10 a.m.

A Lenten Challenge is to use less plastic. If you want a copy of the challenge, please ask Reverend Deborah.

Decluttering Lenten Challenge: A box will be available for people who would like to donate small items that they are not able to get to their charity of choice.

Hike for Hospice: The Hike for Hospice is taking place on Sunday, May 5th. Once again, Forest Hill will have a team participating in this event. If you would like to join the team, sponsor someone on the team or get more information about the event, please contact Jennifer Abbott (454-2829).

The Forest Hill Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> in the Church parlour at 12 noon. The book for May is Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

Loving our Neighbours:

“You shall love your neighbour as yourself” (Mark 12:31)

Mission and Service 2019 Congregational Goal \$10,150.

Givings as of March 31<sup>st</sup> \$3,576.

Thank you to all who have and are saving us money, by meeting in smaller rooms that are easier to heat and turning down thermostats when leaving rooms. You will also see changes in the bulletin as we decrease the use of **BOLD** print and reduce our toner use.  
Church Management Committee.

Reverend Deborah would love a matched set of wing back chairs for the study. Please let us know if you have anything.

Your favourite hymns are being requested. Please fill out a ballot and put your selection in the box at the back of the church.

Photos or video may be taken for use on our web site and social media sites. Please advise a board member if you do not want your photo used on-line.

It is sometimes necessary to cancel services due to serious storms. A decision to cancel is made very early in the day. We put cancellation notices on our main telephone number (455-0988) and send an email to congregation members no later than 8:30 a.m. We also post cancellations on our Facebook page (viewable on the left side of our main web page).

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.

## Community Events

Candlelight Concert for Palm Sunday: The congregation of Brunswick Street Baptist Church invite you to join them for this worship concert being offered on Sunday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. Vocal soloists include Beth Snow, Giselle Tranquilla and David Steeves with instrumental soloists Scott Kennedy, violin and Susan Tingley Howey, flute in addition to music of the adult choir. The offering from the concert is designated to support the work of the Fredericton Community Clinic. A reception will follow.

Wilmot United Church is holding its annual spring rummage sale on Friday, April 26th (3 - 6 p.m.) and Saturday, April 27th (9-noon). Items include spring & summer clothing, footwear, toys, linens, kitchenware, home décor and more. Proceeds will support Wilmot's charitable projects.

## Minute for Mission A Heritage of Welcome

Our gifts for Mission & Service support food, health, and wellness programs at ministries like St. Paul's Family Resource Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia. We tend to think of food banks as something relatively new. This may be true in some places, but not in Halifax, where there is a long history of helping those who need support. For example, after the War of 1812, there were soup kitchens in downtown Halifax. Samuel Cunard (who founded the Cunard Steamship Company, at one time the largest steamship company in the world) worked at that soup kitchen. He and his wife, Susan, donated food and then served it to the hungry. This is a long way from modern food banks, although the need for food is still as great as it was back in the 19th century.

The Family Resource Centre, which is an outreach ministry of St. Paul's United Church in Spryfield, Nova Scotia, offers more services than a food bank: clients can sit at the Food Bank Café and have coffee and a snack while waiting to pick up their order, rather than waiting out in the cold or rain. The centre also offers a volunteer income tax service to those with limited income and Legal Aid is often on hand to address concerns individuals may have. The Food, Fitness and Fun class is always being fine-tuned and there are nursing students on hand to offer advice on health and nutrition. We are thankful for the many ways St. Paul's Family Resource Centre offers a place of welcome and support to those who come through its doors.

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.

