

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



2nd Sunday of Easter

3rd Anniversary of Forest Hill UC becoming Affirming
April 28, 2019 10 a.m.

“Just as we engage in the spiritual practices of prayer, of lighting the Christ candle every time we ready ourselves for worship, the spiritual practice of the Indigenous lands acknowledgement and the explicitly Affirming welcome to those who are LGBTQIA+ help remind ourselves that the unconditional love taught by Christ empowers us to extend that love to all”
Christine Dolson, Kamloops BC UC

WELCOME to worship!

Our worship leader is Elizabeth Savoie LLWL.

Our music is led by Alex Good, Brian Cassidy, Libby Cassidy
and the FHUC Choir.

Our greeter this morning is Mary Grant.

Our hospitality host is Jennifer Abbott.

Our Sunday School Teacher is Alex Good
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.

Gathering

*At the **, please rise or remain seated according to your needs.*

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit:

MV 156

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin'
walk with the Spirit through-out the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-borning',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

(from Psalm 150)

One: Praise God in the holy temple!
All: Praise God for mighty deeds!
One: Praise God for bountiful mercies,
All: Praise God who meets all our needs!

One: Praise God with sound of trumpet!
All: Praise God with lute and harp!
One: Praise God with timbrel and dancing!
All: Praise God wherever you are!

One: Praise God with holy cymbals!
All: Praise God with strings and with pipes!
One: Praise God with clash of cymbals!
All: Praise God with all your might!

**Opening Hymn: How Could Anyone Ever Tell You
Libby Rodrick - Lyrics v2 Brian Cassidy

Verse 1

How could anyone ever tell you,
you were anything but beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you,
you were less than whole?

Refrain

How could anyone fail to notice
that you loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul.

Verse 2

How could anyone ever tell you,
you were anything but a shining star?
How could anyone ever tell you,
you could not be loved?

Refrain

Repeat Verse 1 and Refrain

Gathering Prayer: (All)

God of all love, breathe on us your spirit of compassion.
Open our ears to hear your voice
speaking through human voices.
Open our eyes to see your image
in the face of each person here.
Open our hearts and minds to experience
your presence and your wisdom.
Amen.

Open Hearts: resources for affirming ministries in the UCC, 2011

Children's Time: Over My Head

MV 88

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.*

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Jean Fisher

John 20:19-23

Acts 5:27-32

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Gratitude

Special Music: Shine On

by Steve Poltz

Reflection "Behind Closed Doors"

**Hymn of Reflection: Deep in Our Hearts MV 154

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:

Through the many diverse gifts we are given,
May we use all that we are and all that we have
to broad acceptance, compassion and love in the world. Amen.
(from 2017 Affirming Ministries Sunday, Saskatchewan conference UCC)

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! VU 400

**Closing Hymn: We Shall Overcome*

Verse 1
We shall overcome, we shall overcome
We shall overcome some-day
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome some-day.

[2]We'll walk hand in hand...
[3]We shall live in peace...
[4]We shall all be proud...
[5]We shall overcome...

*We Shall Overcome was inspired by African American Gospel Singing, by members of the Food and Tobacco Workers Union of Charleston, S.C. and by the United States southern civil rights movement. The musical and lyrical adaptation was created by many including Pete Seeger and Joan Baez.

**Sharing the Light

**Commissioning and Benediction

**Choral Amen: MV 215

Peace be with you, peace forever,
peace be with you, my friends.
Till we meet again,
may God be with you.
Peace, peace, peace.

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship

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COMING UP @ FHUC

Quilt Group

Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Upper Room

Reverend Deborah is away on vacation and study leave until May 5.
Reverend Bob Jones will be doing pastoral care 506-476-8020.

HIKE FOR HOSPICE is taking place next Sunday 5th. May, last chance to sponsor a walker! If you are taking part please bring your sponsor sheets and donations to me by Sunday morning 5th, May (after service will do) so that I can do the paper work. Thank you Jennifer Abbott

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

Movie Night Friday May 10th at 7 p.m. The King's Speech. Suitable for ages 14+ due to some coarse language. Popcorn and tea will be served.

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 31st \$3,576.

Forest Hill United Church has a summer employment opportunity under the Canada Summer Jobs program for a project-based position with a duration of 8 weeks (35 hours/wk.). Contact: Margie Roxborough (margie.roxborough@bellaliant.net).

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

YARD SALE - New Maryland United Church (875 Route 101 Hwy, Nasonworth) Saturday, May 4th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Many household items, novels, children's toys and more! Rain or shine.

Take-out Ham Supper – Friday, May 10, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Nashwaaksis United Church. The take-out supper includes carved baked ham, potato salad, coleslaw, roll and dessert for \$12. Please reserve your take-out by Thursday, May 9th with Rindy or Tom Austin, 450-7151.

A couple has contacted us looking for a basement apartment to rent for the coming school year (Aug - June). If you have such a space, please let the church office know and we will forward the contact information.

Minute for Mission

A Place of Wellness for Mother and Child

Our gifts for Mission & Service enable community ministries like Massey Centre to create new programs that meet the needs of young, single mothers.

Massey Centre in Toronto, Ontario, has been a place of refuge and encouragement for almost 120 years. The centre has grown over that time. It was originally housed in the Methodist parsonage and known as The Victor Home for Women. In 1947, the Massey family gave the centre their summer home; the centre was renamed the Massey Centre Home for Unwed Mothers, and it is now known as Massey Centre for Women. While the original home is still part of the footprint, the centre has expanded to include pre-and post-natal housing, education programs, a daycare and infant mental health programs.

“Everyone has a connection to Massey Centre!” exclaims Chief Executive Officer Ekua Asabea Blair. Massey Centre is a place that people speak fondly of, and many choose to stay connected to. Lisa, who works as the centre’s receptionist, is a welcoming face and voice for first encounters at the centre. When Lisa was 18, she found out she was pregnant. She had no family support when she came to Massey Centre. “If I hadn’t been here, my child would have been taken away from me by Children’s Aid,” Lisa says. “Because of Massey Centre, I have been able to watch my daughter grow up into the beautiful young woman she is today. Without Massey Centre, I would be lost.”

Massey Centre is very thankful for United Church support, whether in the form of Mission & Service giving, local United Churches’ gifts of diapers or United Church Women who knit beautiful blankets. All these gifts are changing lives each and every day.

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.