

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



6th Sunday after Epiphany
February 17, 2019 10 a.m.

“You can’t separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom.”
Malcolm X

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 **Mary-Anne Blakney**
and **Annemarie Manson**.

Our Sunday School Teachers are **Shelley Clayton** and **Joan Mitchell**
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 or remain seated according to your needs.*

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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

VU 402 v1

**We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.**

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: Faithful God, we thank you that we are known by you.
And you have called us to go into the world to do your work.

All: Lead us we pray.

One: You called us to love and be loved as we do justice in your field.

All: Help us we pray.

One: We come in humility asking that you will give us courage and wisdom to become ambassadors of your peace and reconciliation.

All: Hear us we pray.

One: You made us like you and called us to be unique.
As you look at us you see the same people you created in your image.

All: Help us we pray.

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One: Help us, Lord, that we may be able to stand up against any injustice.

All: **Hear us we pray.**

All: **We are glad to be your people as we all come together with one voice, answering and making a commitment that we will not keep quiet if there is injustice, but we will stand up and do your work of love, peace, and reconciliation. As you have called us to be one, we recommit ourselves to this calling. We pray all this through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.**

Liturgy for Black History Month Submitted by: The Rev. Wilson Gonese, Burgeo Pastoral Charge, Burgeo, Newfoundland and Labrador

Gathering Prayer

God of love, peace, and unity,
we thank you for welcoming us all just as we are;
for making us equal as your children
from all corners of the earth;
and for giving us your blessings as your children;
and for making us belong.

We pray that you help us realize that we are
all made in your image, and we need to bring peace
to all your creation as one people who belong to you.

We ask all this through Christ our brother. Amen.

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****Opening Hymn:** Let Us Break Bread Together VU 480

Exploring

A New Creed:

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

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We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Words from Our Bible:

Graham Powell

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1 VU Page 724 with refrain
Luke 6:17-26

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem: Overjoyed by Stevie Wonder

Reflection Malcolm X movie clip

****Hymn of Reflection:** Come, Now, You Blessed VU 592

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

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****Offering Verse:** VU 402 v2

We are one as we share, as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care, as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.

****Prayer over the Gifts**

****Communion Hymn: We Are One** VU 402 v3

We are one as we feast, as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come, as we feed, we are fed;
and we feel God's refreshing grace
as we meet at table in this place.

Communion (by intinction)
See insert.

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Prayers of Our Community

Please advise us if people need to be added to or taken off the list.

****Sharing the Light**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

****Choral Amen:** *(sung together)* VU 402 v4

We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship!

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Forest Hill UCW	Monday Feb. 18 2 p.m., Doreen Kissick's house
Theology on Tap	Monday Feb. 18, 8 -10 p.m., Dolan's Pub
Quilt Group	Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Upper Room

Forest Hill UCW will meet on Monday, February 18 at 2 p.m. at the home of Doreen Kissick, 792 Burden Street. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us for a time of fellowship.

Theology on Tap will be held on the third Monday of February (the 18th) from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. We will be welcoming our friends from the Unitarian Church. Please join us at Dolan's Pub.

Reverend Deborah will not be in the office on Monday February 25th as there is a worship meeting. Anyone interested in joining the worship team is welcome to join. Speak to Reverend Deborah for details.

We will be sharing Ash Wednesday (March 6th) with Wilmot United Church. Details TBA.

Lenten Study March 10, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor, which can be purchased downtown at Westminster Books.

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 am. 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.

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Community Events

Potluck Rainbow Brunch. 10:00 - 12:00, Saturday, Feb 23, Wilmot Church parlor. This is an opportunity for LGBTQ2+ individuals, and our friends and allies, to share a meal in a safe and welcoming space. We would like to extend the invitation to our friends at Forest Hill United Church. We'll have the coffee on for 10:00 and sit down for the meal together at 10:30. For more information feel free to contact Elizabeth Savoie (454-1945) or Deb Bradbury (206-2948).

Mental Health Awareness, Support and Action Group: On Monday February 25 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Nashwaaksis United Church, you are invited to view the film Compassion In Action. This film invites the viewer into challenging conversations with vulnerable people and offers effective, heartfelt responses. There will be time following the film for discussion on how to bring compassion into action in our diverse settings. Rev. Priscilla Geisterfer will facilitate.

The Women's Inter-Church Council is holding the world Day of Prayer Services for 2019 in the Fredericton area. Women of Slovenia prepared this year's service. The theme is "Come-Everything is Ready!" Services are open to the public: men, women and children. They occur in four areas:

Northside / Marysville: Nashwaaksis Baptist Church, 104 Edgewood Drive, Fredericton, on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 2:00p.m. Storm Date: Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Rehearsal Date: Friday, February 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. It is Wheelchair Accessible.

Forest Hill/Lincoln: St. Margaret's Anglican Church, 775 Forest Hill Road, Fredericton, on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. No Storm Date. Rehearsal date: Monday, February 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Hanwell/New Maryland: St. James's Presbyterian Church, Hanwell, on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Storm date: Friday, March 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. No Rehearsal.

Southside: Christ Church Cathedral, 115 Church Street, Fredericton, on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Rehearsal Date, Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Storm Date: Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Contact name and phone number: Debbie Heustis 472-2916.

The Mt. Allison Sharp Scholarship is for a student who is Protestant, a non-smoker and born in the Maritimes, with preference given for members of the United Church and PEI residents. The application deadline is March 1 and more information can be found on the Mt. A. designated scholarships webpage.

The UCW of St. Paul's United Church, on the corner of York and George Streets in Fredericton, will be hosting a BRIDGE LUNCHEON on Saturday, March 16th at 12 noon. Reserve your table of 4 people for \$48.00 by telephoning Isabel Green at 459-7116. Register early! Enjoy a delicious lunch, door prizes, and your favorite pastime!!

Minutes for Mission

Iridesce: The Living Apology Project

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the work of Iridesce: The Living Apology Project. This project was created to encourage storytelling around the 1988 decisions to welcome gay, lesbian and bisexual people into full membership and ministry in the United Church—a welcome that was expanded to include people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in 2009.

Iridesce has brought stories of challenge, conflict, and lament to light. One participant wrote, “The battles of 1988 left behind one legacy that I think has not served us well, a legacy of fearfulness of conflict.” For many, of course, the decision was a celebration and continues to empower communities to draw the circle wide and wider still. “We are all stronger when given unapologetic, radical love,” wrote Catherine. Dani shared, “I am a trans non-binary person... I wasn't expecting to be so openly accepted, and it fills my heart to know that I can love God and be proud of my gender identity.”

Morgan, who grew up in the post-1988 church, wrote, “It is my hope that the church will not simply take for granted its policy... that we will recognize how far we are from embodying that policy and how much farther we are from assimilating it into the earth-shattering welcome of the people of God.”

We give thanks for the gifts of Iridesce: The Living Apology Project.