

# Forest Hill United Church

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



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
January 20, 2018 10 a.m.**

If you plan on being anything less than you are capable of being,  
you will probably be unhappy all the days of your life.  
- Abraham Maslow

**WELCOME** to worship!

Our worship leader is **Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher.**

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

Our greeter this morning is **Jennifer Abbott.**

Our Sunday School Teachers are **Shelley Clayton** and **Joan Mitchell**  
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.*

## 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: We are one.

**All: We are many.**

One: We are one in the Spirit.

**All: We are different.**

One: We are one in the kin-dom of God.

**All: We are unique.**

One: We are one in the body of Christ.

**All: Even with our differences?**

One: Even with our differences.

**All: God invites us to the table.**

**God invites us home.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. ALLELUIA! Amen.**

Richard Bott, Pacific Spirit P.C., Vancouver, B.C. Gathering, A/C/E 2018-2019, page 46. Used with permission.

## Gathering Prayer

**Gather us together, Great Spirit,  
fill your hearts gathered here with goodness,  
your worship with creativity,  
your world with new possibilities,  
and your church with promised gifts.  
Gather and fill us, Great Spirit,  
in these days of winter  
with the robust lives you have in store for us.  
These things we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Daryl Webber, Lowville Nelson United Ministries, Burlington, Ont. Gathering,  
A/C/E 2018-2019, page 49. Used with permission.*

**\*\*Opening Hymn:** Amazing Grace

VU 266

## Listening

### Children's Time

**Prayer that Jesus Taught: (responsive)**

One: Our Father  
**All: Our Mother**  
One: Who art in heaven  
**All: Who are in all the earth**  
One: Hallowed be thy name  
**All: Holy is your truth**  
One: Thy kingdom come  
**All: May your wisdom come**  
One: Thy will be done,  
**All: Your circle be one uniting**  
One: on earth as it is in heaven  
**All: uniting heaven and earth**  
One: Give us this day our daily bread  
**All: Give us today a nurturing spirit**  
One: And forgive us our trespasses  
**All: Heal through us**  
One: as we forgive those who trespass against us

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**All: as we ourselves are healed**  
One: You who does not lead us into temptation  
**All: You who leads us into Fullness of life**  
One: But delivers us from evil  
**All: But liberates all that is good**  
One: For thine is the Kingdom,  
**All: For the Wisdom,**  
One: the power and the glory  
**All: Presence and the Goodness are Yours**  
**Now and forever Amen.**

Adapted from the prayer from Dominican Sisters Retreat, March 1993, Great Bend, Kansas

**Words from Our Bible:**

**Pat Davidson**

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36 VU Page 726

John 2:1-11

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music**

**Reflection**

**\*\*Hymn of Reflection:** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise VU264

## Responding

**Presentation of Our Gifts**

**\*\*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.**

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**\*\*Prayer over the Gifts**

## Prayers of the People

(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!

**\*\*Closing Hymn:** Praise God for This Holy Ground MV 42

**\*\*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

<b>Quilt Group</b>	Mondays 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Upper Room
<b>Reports due</b>	Jan 20 <sup>th</sup> to Margie Roxborough
<b>Forest Hill UCW</b>	Jan. 21, 2 p.m. at the home of Doreen Kissick
<b>Theology on Tap</b>	Jan. 21, 8 p.m. at Dolan's Pub

**Reports for the annual report** are due January 20th. Any group or individual who is interested in submitting a report should send it to [margie.roxborough@bellaliant.net](mailto:margie.roxborough@bellaliant.net) or contact her at 455-0576 to arrange to get a handwritten copy to her.

**Forest Hill UCW** will meet at the home of Doreen Kissick, 792 Burden St, on Monday Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us.

**Theology on Tap** will be held on the third Monday of January (the 21<sup>st</sup>) from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Please join us at Dolan's Pub.

**Agenda items** for the annual meeting (Feb. 24) should be submitted for consideration no later than Feb. 1st.

**We will have a guest speaker** Graham Nickerson, coming for Black History Month.

**Observer Renewals** and new subscriptions. If you wish to renew or start a new subscription, please let Margaret Macdougall know (455-3767) by February 10, 2019. Cost is \$25. Payment may be placed on the offering plate in an envelope plaining marked OBSERVER and with your name and address. If payment is by cheque this should be payable to Forest Hill United Church.

## **Minute For Mission**

### **LGBTQ Two-Spirit Global Consultation**

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the work of LGBTQ Two-Spirit justice and global partnership. Here's a story from the shores of Lake Couchiching, Ontario, on the territory of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation.

In late 2017, about 40 LGBTQ people, Two-Spirit people, and straight and cisgender allies gathered from 11 countries to support one another and work toward the inclusion of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in all parts of the world.

Two-Spirit participants provided leadership, guiding the group in lighting the sacred fire, leading sunrise ceremonies, a Talking Circle, and evening gatherings, and sharing teachings about Two-Spirit identities.

Participants were cared for by the sacred fire and the firekeepers, receiving a gift beyond compare. They also learned about the role that colonialism plays in the oppression of LGBTQ Two-Spirit people.

One of the Two-Spirit participants shared, "To be given the honour of being the doorway keeper for the circle and the conduit within the circle to the pathway of the Sacred Fire, thank you!... Against deep odds we heard that changes are happening all over, step by step, life by life."

We give thanks for the gifts of Two-Spirit people, the work of our global partners, and the ministry of Affirm United.

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.