

Forest Hill United Church
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



7th Sunday of Easter
June 2, 2019 10 a.m.

“The great struggle of the Christian life is to take God’s name for us,
to believe we are beloved and to believe that is enough.”

Rachel Held Evans, Searching for Sunday:
Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church

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 John Neville.

Our Sunday School Teachers are Shelley Clayton and Joan Mitchell.

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:

One: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,
All: to the rising of this life itself.
One: Be the purpose of God, between us and each purpose,
All: the hand of God between us and each hand,
One: The pain of Christ between us and each pain,
All: the love of Christ between us and each love.
One: O God, who brought us to the bright light
of this new day
All: take us to the guiding light of eternity.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

Loving God,
You have led us to this place,
not to shield us from heartache
and the pain of human life,
but to heal us and inspire us,
to gently redirect us,
till we see the world as you do
and love it with your love.
Amen.

**Opening Hymn: Morning Has Broken

VU 409

Children's Time

Prayer that Jesus Taught: (All)

Beloved, our Father and Mother,
in whom is heaven,
hallowed be your name,
followed be your royal way,
done be your will and rule,
throughout the whole creation.
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, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, 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 'human rites' by Ward and Wild.

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

Prayer of Confession/Promise of Assurance:

One: Holy God, maker of all
All: Have mercy on us.
One: Jesus Christ, servant of the poor
All: Have mercy on us.
One: Holy Spirit, breath of life
All: Have mercy on us.
One: Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty

Silence

One: Before God and with the people of God
I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others
and the life of the world.
All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you
and the spirit enable you to grow in love.
One: Amen.
All: Before God and with the people of God,
we confess to our brokenness:
to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others
and the life of the world.
One: May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the spirit enable you to grow in love.
All: Amen.
One: With the whole church
All: We affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the spirit.
One: With people everywhere we affirm.
All: We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.
One: With all creation
All: We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;
The unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world.
Amen.

Exploring

Minute For Mission

Lorna McKnight

Words from Our Bible:

May Houston

John 17:20-26
Psalm 97 VU Page 817 with Refrain
Acts 1:1-11

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

Special Music: Jesus He Knows Me by Banks/ Collins/ Rutherford

Reflection

**Hymn of Reflection: For the Beauty of the Earth VU 226

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:

Oh God, set your blessings on us
as we begin this day together.
Confirm us in the truth by which we rightly live;
Confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn.
We ask not for what we want,
but for what you know we need,
as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.

Prayers of Our Community: 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: Come, Children, Join to Sing VU 345

**Sharing the Light

**Commissioning and Benediction:

One: May the everlasting God shield you,
east and west and wherever you go,
and a blessing of God be upon you.
All: The blessing of the God of life.
One: The blessing of Christ be upon you,
All: The blessing of Christ of love.
One: The blessing of the spirit be upon you,
All: The blessing of the spirit of grace.
One: The blessing of the Trinity be upon you.
Now and forever more.
All: Amen

**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

Unless otherwise noted, all prayers taken from, *Iona Abbey, Worship Book*.
Wild Goose Publications, 2001

OFFICE HOURS

(506) 455-0988 | foresthillunited.com

Administrative Assistant - Kris Yarych
Tuesday & Thursday 12:45 - 3:45 p.m.
foresth.office@bellaliant.com

Minister - Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 1 - 4, or by appointment
revdeborahfhuc@gmail.com (506) 999-4189 [cell]

Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Forest Hill Book Club Wednesday at noon in the parlour

Quilt Group Wednesdays 1 - 3 p.m. Upper Room

The Forest Hill Book Club will meet on Wednesday, June 5th in the Church parlour at 12 noon. The book for June is Extraordinary Canadian – Penguin Edition by L. M. Montgomery or reader's choice of another.

FHUC is hosting a Community Round Table on Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m. to noon. There will be small table discussion groups. If you are able to be a table host or table scribe, please see Joe Rideout or Mary Grant.

Sunday School Closing and Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 16th starting at 10 a.m. outside at the church. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets, sunscreen, bug spray and finger foods to share. In case of inclement weather, the service will be inside. For more information talk to Karen or Margie.

Rachel Neville will be taking over the booking of the church effective immediately. Please contact Rachel if you wish to book an event at the church or make changes to any existing bookings. You may contact Rachel at 455-0576 or by email at rhelenrn@gmail.com. Thanks to Rachel for taking on this important task for us.

New Sound System: Work is coming along on improvements to the sound system in the sanctuary. As we proceed, there will be construction with staging in the sanctuary on Friday June 7 and Saturday June 8. We will also be working in the choir room and upstairs along the wall nearest the sanctuary. All of this work should not interfere with regular groups and the staging will be removed before the Sunday Service.

The Church Management Committee is asking that all keys to the church be returned by the end of June. Those ones for members or staff who need to have a key will be checked off against our Master List and reissued immediately. Please bring your keys to Mary Grant or Diane Robinson. Thank you.

Reverend Deborah is putting together a Children's Time Ministry. Anybody who would like to collaborate with this, please contact Reverend Deborah.

When submitting announcements for the bulletin that aren't for a specific date, please also indicate how long they should appear.

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.

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

The Campus Ministry AGM will be held on Tuesday, June 4th from 1 - 3 pm in the Family Room at Brunswick Street Baptist Church. Ask Karen for more details.

The Fredericton Ladies Choir will present their annual Spring Concert on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. at St., Dunstan's Catholic Church. More details are posted on the bulletin board.

Wilmot United Church has job openings for a part-time Office Administrator and a part-time Organist/Pianist. The job descriptions can be found at <http://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca/>