

# Forest Hill United Church

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



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**March 17, 2019 10 a.m.**

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, I used everything you gave me.  
Erma Bombeck

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 May Houston.

Our hospitality host is May Houston  
and our tellers are William Hughes 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.*

This bulletin is dedicated to Graham and Patricia Powell for their 59<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and Graham's 84th Birthday. Both being celebrated on March 19. Sending loads of love to them both from Andrea, Todd, Ryan, Kelsey, Luke and Sean.

## 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 two 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 blue and all the images it invokes for us. Blue, the colour of sadness and rain. Mother Mary and a swaddled Babe. Blue skies and blue moods. Blue the colour of life giving water. One candle is lit, two are extinguished.

**\*\*Introit:** As the Sun with Longer Journey VU 111 V1

As the sun with longer journey melts  
the winter's snow and ice,  
with its slowly growing radiance  
warms the seed beneath the earth,  
may the sun of Christ's uprising  
gently bring our hearts to life.

### Welcome & Church News

### Call to Worship:

One: God, we come to you in all our many colours. Our sad blues and excited rosy reds.

**All: We come, bringing our grief and joy.**

One: We come to you in our shifting colours, moods changing with the seasons.

**All: We come, bringing our chaotic selves.**

One: We come to you in fantastic sparks of colour

**All: We come, bringing our creativity, our passions and our talents.**

One: We come to you in all our muted hues.  
**All: We come, bringing our frustrations, losses and disappointments.**  
One: We come to you, as we are, as you made us.  
**All: We come, bringing our entire being... knowing that in us, You are well pleased.**

### Gathering Prayer

God of the rainbow we come to you in this season of Lent with mixed emotions. As we look forward to the coming of Spring we also dread the coming of that Friday when all the earth was covered in cloud so dark day turned to night. Remind us, oh God that it was you who sent the cloud, it is you in the darkness that precedes the dawn. Reminds us that what we call our Dark Days are really just the days in which we can become closer to You. Days in which the bright lights of the world around us can be muted enough for us to hear our innermost thoughts. Remind us that Your darkness enfolds us in comfort and safety. Through You, with You and in You, we are never alone. Amen.

**\*\*Opening Hymn:** Hey Ney Yana MV 217

## Exploring

**Children's Time** Burying the Alleluia

### Prayer that Jesus Taught:

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!

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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

### Promise of Assurance

### Words from Our Bible:

**Robert Christie**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27 VU Pages 754-5 with refrain  
Luke 13:31-35

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

### Reflection

**Special Music:** Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken by Pink

## Responding

### Presentation of Our Gifts

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**\*\*Offering Verse:** As the Sun with Longer Journey VU 111 V2

Through the days of waiting,  
watching in the desert of our sin,  
searching on the far horizon  
for a sign of cloud or wind,  
we await the healing waters  
of our Savior's victory

**\*\*Prayer After Giving**

**Prayers of Our Community**

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

**\*\*Closing Hymn:** God of Still Waiting MV 20

**\*\*Sharing the Light**

**\*\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**\*\*Choral Amen:** As the Sun with Longer Journey VU 111 V3

Praise be given to the  
Maker of the seasons' yearly round:  
to the Speaker through the Spoken  
in their living Breath of love  
as the ever turning seasons  
roll to their eternal rest.

**Postlude**

*Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship!*

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## Church News

**COMING UP @ FHUC**

Congregational Meeting immediately after service

Lenten Study 1:00 p.m.

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

Lenten Study March 17, 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.

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

Lenten Challenge decluttering: 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.

Theology on Tap will be held on the third Monday of March (the 18<sup>th</sup>) from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please join us at Dolan's Pub.

The Forest Hill Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Church parlour at 12 noon. The book for April is The Republic of Nothing by Lesley Choyce.

Movie Night Rescheduled due to weather Friday April 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The King's Speech. Suitable for ages 14+ due to some coarse language. Popcorn and tea will be served.

Are you able to help with some graphic work? Or do you know anybody who can? Please speak with Reverend Deborah.

Stacking black chairs in order to prevent potential injury to our cleaner and others, please do not stack more than 7 high on a carrier.

Electrical costs are increasing. Please be sure that the room thermostats are turned down and cupboard and room lights are turned off when you leave. Thank you. Church Management.

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.

## Community Events

The Fredericton Women's Inter-Church Council is having their Evaluation Meeting of the World Day of Prayer Services with a Pot Luck Luncheon on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church Parish Church, 245 Westmorland Street corner of Westmorland and Charlotte Street. All Women's Inter-Church Council members and friends are welcome. Christ Church Cathedral taped their service of the World Day of Prayer. They put it on their Website; if you wish to see it you can go to Christ Church Cathedral Fredericton.

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St. will be hosting a "Turkey Dinner" on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15/adult and \$3/child. Please call 457-1666 to reserve your tickets.

Wilmot United Church will have The Louisbourg Choir on Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$30. Admission is free for students. This project is made possible with financial support from Louisbourg Investments, the Government of New Brunswick and the Canada Council for the Arts. The Louisbourg Choir will be concluding this season with an ambitious concert devoted to the works of Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1634-1704), undeniable master of sacred music in France. Monique Richard will be conducting both the choir and a baroque orchestra whose eight members, playing on period instruments, are Jacques-André Houle and Émilie Brûlé, violins; Margaret Little, viola and viola da gamba; Amanda Keesmaat, cello; Vincent Lauzer and Caroline Tremblay, recorders; Michel Cardin, theorbo; and Jonathan Addleman, organ.

"The Universal Christ: another name for everything" features keynote speakers Richard Rohr, John Dominic Crossan and Jacqui Lewis. The event will be live webcast March 28-31 at Marysville United Church, 351 Canada Street. Sessions: Thursday March 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Friday March 29, 2:15 -9:00 p.m.; Saturday March 30, 11:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.; and Sunday March 31, 12 -3:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 for the event or \$12.00 per session. The schedule can be found on the Facebook Page: Universal Christ: Fredericton. Register by sending your name, email, phone number to our email. Please note if you will be attending the whole event. If not, please indicate the sessions you will be present. [universalchristfredericton@gmail.com](mailto:universalchristfredericton@gmail.com)

Joy Network is excited to present the Sky Terminal "Glow Festival" concert coming to Fredericton, April 12 at 131 Duncan Lane Fredericton. Doors Open at 6 p.m. and is for the whole family! There are fun events happening for kids such as bouncy castles and Pastor's Hour of Prayer. Tickets are \$15 individual or \$20 family purchased in advance (at the JoyFM office, 515 St. Mary's Street) or \$20 individual at the door. Ticket prices per child under 12 is \$5.

## Minutes for Mission Artistic Hope and Healing

Our gifts for ministries like River Bend Integrated Community Ministries support programs of healing and reconciliation. The core of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, is home to many Indigenous people. Beyond the core are communities of non-Indigenous people. Each year, River Bend holds a program called the 10 x 10 project. This is an art project where people living in the core are invited to paint on a 10 x 10 canvas that will be displayed in an art show to all the communities in Saskatoon. Last year, 80 canvases were handed out and 73 returned for the show.

Minister and Coordinator Jane Jupe says she has grown so much in her interactions with artists. "I have come to realize how important it is in so many ways; it builds community between artists, and helps people heal." Artist Kandis Caplan created a beautiful image from beads of an Indigenous girl without facial features. She explained the importance of sharing her story of sexual assault, saying that it happens to many young Indigenous girls.

We are called to love our neighbours! Your gifts for Mission & Service offer moments of healing every day at River Bend Integrated Community Ministry.

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.

