

# Forest Hill United Church

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



## Transfiguration Sunday

March 3, 2019 10 a.m.

God places us in the world as his fellow workers-agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world.

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**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 **Lorna McKnight** and **Joe Rideout.**

Our Sunday School Teacher is **May Houston.**

Our hospitality host is **May Houston**

and our tellers are **May Houston** and **Joan Mitchell.**

*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: Arise, shine! Your light has come!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

One: In companionship with Jesus along the Way,  
we are transfigured.

**All: Hallelujah! Amen!**

One: Bathed in the light of Christ,  
we yearn for ever-deeper connection:

**All: a communion rooted in love,  
braided together around the table,  
nourished by the wine of self-giving.**

One: Glory to God!

**All: Glory to God!**

Gord Dunbar, Kincardine P.C., Kincardine, Ont. Gathering, A/C/E 2018-2019, page 57.  
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## Gathering Prayer

Mysterious and magnificent,  
All-Encompassing Triune:  
Parent, Spirit, Son—  
giving us life through creation, through breath, through  
resurrection.  
Thanks resonates in our hearts,  
while praise we raise to you  
through our worship and always.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Amen.

Cheryl Hutchcroft, Oakridge U.C., Vancouver, B.C. Gathering, A/C/E 2018-2019, page 57.  
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### \*\*Opening Hymn: This Little Light of Mine

Chorus:  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (x3)  
Let it shine, shine, shine  
Let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine (x3)  
Let it shine, shine, shine  
Let it shine!

Chorus

All up in my house, I'm gonna let it shine (x3)  
Let it shine, shine, shine  
Let it shine!

Chorus

Out there in the dark, I'm gonna let it shine (x3)  
Let it shine, shine, shine  
Let it shine!

Chorus

## Exploring

### 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**  
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.  
**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

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

**Words from Our Bible:**

**John Neville**

Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99 VU Page 819 with refrain  
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem: True Colours

Reflection True Colours

\*\*Hymn of Reflection: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU 375

**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.**

**\*\*Prayer After Giving**

**Prayers of Our Community**

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

\*\*Closing Hymn: Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New MV 115

**\*\*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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**OFFICE HOURS**

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**Church News**

**COMING UP @ FHUC**

<b>Book Club</b>	Tuesday March 5 <sup>th</sup> in the parlour at noon
<b>Pancake Supper</b>	Tuesday March 5 <sup>th</sup> at 5:30
<b>Quilt Group</b>	Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Upper Room

**The Forest Hill Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> in the Church parlour at 12 noon. The book for March is The 14<sup>th</sup> Colony by Steve Berry.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** - A pancake supper is being planned for Tuesday 5 March beginning at 5:30 p.m., featuring pancakes, sausages and baked beans. All are welcome! A freewill offering will be collected. Volunteers are required to purchase supplies, cook pancakes and provide baked beans. If you are able to assist, please contact John Neville ([johnjniv@gmail.com](mailto:johnjniv@gmail.com), 455-0576).

**We will be sharing Ash Wednesday** with Wilmot United Church. Please join us at 7 p.m. at Wilmot United Church this Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>. We have prepared a powerful time of prayer as we enter into the Lenten season.

**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.

**Congregational Meeting** March 17th after service.

**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.

**Stacking black chairs** In order to prevent potential injury to our cleaner and others, please do not stack the black chairs more than 8 high on a carrier. Many thanks.

**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 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:

**Forest Hill/Lincoln:** St. Margaret's Anglican Church, 775 Forest Hill Road, Fredericton, on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2 p.m. No storm date.

**Southside:** Christ Church Cathedral, 115 Church Street, Fredericton, on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2 p.m. Storm date: Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 2 p.m.

**Northside / Marysville:** Nashwaaksis Baptist Church, 104 Edgewood Drive, Fredericton, on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 2 p.m. Storm date: Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2 p.m. It is wheelchair accessible.

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

Contact 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!!

**Enjoy a JIGGS DINNER** at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, featuring corned beef, cabbage, carrots, turnip, potatoes, pease pudding and dessert for \$14. Reservations only – phone Larry and Helen Forward, 457-1338 by March 13th.

**“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 pm; Friday March 29, 2:15 -9:00 pm; Saturday March 30, 11:30 am - 8:30 pm; and Sunday March 3, 12 -3:30. 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)

## Minutes for Mission Deepening Ministry

Supervised ministry education is an intentional learning experience that enables people preparing for ministry to deepen their pastoral identity, reflect theologically, and enhance their ministry skills. Mission & Service supports supervised ministry education by providing a grant to a learning site, like a congregation, for an eight-month placement. The Rev. Maya Braithwaite recently completed a placement at Bloor Street United Church in Toronto, Ontario. One of her goals was learning about social justice in a congregational context.

“Ministry is about relationships. For me, it’s about collaborating with others and harnessing the creativity that God has gifted us, while letting it go and flow throughout the church. While at Bloor Street, I had the opportunity to share in the healing work of storytelling that is often involved in social justice work. I experienced what an Affirming church looks like and what an Affirming church does in its day-to-day functions and in worship. I learned about protocol as we welcomed and began the work of supporting a Syrian refugee family. I learned about conflict transformation as we grappled with ways of responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s recommendations. I also shared my love for contemplative prayer and a variety of spiritual practices. We danced, journaled, meditated, and the children and I started learning about Godly Play...together.”

Your gifts to Mission & Service help support candidates as they prepare for ministry and are equipped for leadership in our church. 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.

