

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



Ascension Sunday May 24, 2020 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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Please share the following phone number with your vulnerable friends. If you have any need for any reason call 1-844-462-8387

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

Prelude:

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit:

VU 958

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
(Repeat x3)

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Rejoice and sing to God.

We sing of the risen Christ.

Clap your hands and show up with joy.

We rejoice in the living God.

Celebrate this day.

We celebrate with the Spirit who calls us here.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Holy God, we celebrate your presence this day,
for the gift of resurrection,
we give you thanks and praise.**

**For the gift of your ongoing presence in our lives,
we rejoice and sing.**

**Overwhelm us with your presence here,
that we might be overwhelmed with joy.**

In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen

**Opening Hymn: Alleluia, Praise to God

MV 59

Story Time:

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!
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.
New Zealand Prayer Book

**Song of Praise: I Can Feel You Near Me God MV 48

Prayer of Confession

Promise of Assurance

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Psalm 47
Acts 1:1-11

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God

Reflection:

Special Music: No Empty Tomb by Ron Klusmeier

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

Prayers of Our Community:

Stay With Us by Ron Klusmeier

**Closing Hymn: Christ Has No Body Now but Yours MV 171

**Sharing the Light

**Commissioning and Benediction:

**Choral Amen:

Amen, amen, amen, amen.
African Spiritual

Postlude: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise VU 189

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