

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



Christian Family Sunday
6th Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

** Please rise in spirit or in body as you are able

Prelude: In the Bulb There is a Flower VU 703

Welcome, Announcements & Acknowledgement:

Land Acknowledgement

At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqiyik (wolas-to-qiyik) land.

Declaration of a Safe Place

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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit: Halle, Halle, Halle VU 958
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
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Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Call to Worship:

Creator, God, source of life and parent of the human family.
Your Spirit inspires us to dance with joy at the marvels of creation.

You fill the world with wonder, and invite us to care for all the earth.

You open our hearts with grace, and make our hearts bold with love for one another.

Be with us as we sing, pray, and reflect.

Lead us to acknowledge and celebrate the wisdom we've received from those who've loved and cared for us. Let us worship God.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Holy One, Creator, Wisdom, Love,
We gather today as individuals,
as members of family units of many hues and colours,
and as neighbours and friends.
We are welcomed and accepted as we are,
with all our frailties and strengths, struggles and gifts.
In this time together, grant us
the patience, energy, compassion and courage we need
to love and care for one another in fullness and freedom.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide MV 145

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Adaptation by Jim Cotter VU 916
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 echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!
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, 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.

Hymn of Praise: I Love to Tell the Story VU 343
Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Prayer of Self Reflection:

-silent reflection-

Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:
John 14: 15-21

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

**Hymn of Reflection: Open My Eyes That I May See VU 371

Reflection: “Gifts of Love and Wisdom”

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts

Sung Response: What Can I Do? MV 191

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

Prayers of our Community:

Sung Response: My Peace, My Peace by Arlo Guthrie
**My peace, my peace is all I've got that I can give to you.
My peace is all I've ever had, it's all I ever knew.
I give my peace to red and white, to green and black and blue.
My peace, my peace is all I've got that I can give to you.**

**Closing Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You. VU 232

Commissioning and Blessing:

**Choral Amen: God Says MV 172 vs 4
**God says, “Reach out! The world’s in need
And wants a word, a song, a deed.
I send you forth to speak, to sing,
To act for Christ in everything.”**

Postlude: Great is Thy Faithfulness VU 288

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