

Forest Hill United Church

An Affirming Congregation



7th Sunday of Easter
May 28, 2017 at 10 am

The soul would have no rainbow, had the eyes no tears.
John Vance Cheney

This morning's bulletin is dedicated
By Mary Grant in memory of
her parents, Ed and Norine Jones;
her son John and her husband Don.

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.
Our worship leader is **Rev. Bob Jones,**
and our music director is **Alex Good,**
who leads us with the assistance of the **FHUC Choir.**
Our greeters this morning are **Lorna McKnight** and **Joe Rideout,**
Our Sunday School Teacher is **Libby Cassidy,**
and our tellers are **Diane Robinson** and **Jean Fisher.**
And our Hospitality Host is **Diane Robinson.**

Forest Hill United Church is a safe place for all
people to gather regardless of race, creed, age,

cultural background, family status, sexual
orientation, and gender identity. All are welcome
here!

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Gathering Together

At the **, please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude:

Welcoming the Light

**Introit: *(Sung Together)* MV #37 Each blade of grass:

Each blade of grass, each wing that soars,
The waves that sweep across a distant shore
Make full the circle of God.
Each laughing child, every gentle eye,
A forest lit beneath a moon-bright sky
Make full the circle of God.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

Prayer of Approach: *(Unison)*

Ever-present God,
This day enfolds us and surrounds us;
be in our speaking and in our thinking;
be in our life and on our lips;
be in our hearts and in our souls,
Today and forever. Amen.

**Opening Hymn:

Exploring Together

Story Time

****Song of Praise:**

*After the hymn, children, youth and teachers
will leave for Sunday School.*

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Words from Our Bible:

William Hughes

Psalm 37 page 763

1 Samuel 17:1-12

One: This is the Word of Hope – the Word for All.

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music:

Message:

****Hymn of Reflection:**

Going Forth Together

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** *(Sung Together)*

VU 320

Mothering God you gave me birth
In the bright morning of the world
Creator source of every breath
You are my rain, my wind, my sun.

****Dedication** *(Unison)*

*In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,
We bring our gifts to you, O God,
Help us to give with them
a ready mind*

*a willing spirit,
and a joyful heart Amen.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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The Lord's Prayer *(Spoken Together)*

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be they name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.*

****Closing Hymn:**

****Sharing the Light**

BENEDICTION

****Choral Response:** *(Sung Together)*

#VU 649

**Walk with me,
I will walk with you and
build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

Postlude:

*Please join us for coffee and conversation directly following the
service.*

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Congregational Meeting Sunday, 4 June beginning at noon

Quilt Group Wednesdays 1-3 pm Upper Room

Choir Practice Sunday at 11:30-12:30 in the Choir Room

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, 4 June beginning at noon, to receive and act upon the report and recommendations of the Joint Needs Assessment Committee and to elect members to a Joint Search Committee. A summary of the JNAC report has been circulated by email. Electronic and paper copies of the full report are available upon request to John Neville (455-0576, johnjniv@gmail.com). Thank you to Brian and Libby Cassidy, who have volunteered to lead a **sing-along** between the end of service and before the start of the congregational meeting. We encourage folks to bring a light lunch, enjoy the conversation and singing, and stay for this important meeting.

Ushers/Greeters needed: Please check your schedule to see if you are available for one or more Sundays to help out with set up and greeting our congregation on Sunday mornings. Signup sheet is on the back table. If you have any questions please feel free to ask me. Many thanks. Lorna McKnight

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, 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 could be added to the Chart.

One of the practice Bibles has been missing for a while. It would be good to have it returned - thank you.

Vacation Bible School 2017 “MAKER FUN FACTORY – created by God, built for a purpose” St. Paul’s, Forest Hill and Wilmot United Churches will once again be joining together for our VBS program. WHEN: August 21-25 from 9:00 – 11:30 WHERE: Wilmot United Church AGES: age 4 and up. **** We will discover a world where curious children and youth become hands-on inventors and discover they’re lovingly created by God. Great music, great stories, great crafts – great fun! We will use our hearts, minds and imagination to participate in the creative life of God remembering that God is with us wherever we go... so... mark your calendars.

Community Events

Duo Cantilena at Saint Anne's Chapel of Ease on Sunday, May 28th
Please join **Duo Cantilena**--Symphony New Brunswick principal flute Sally Wright and Fredericton guitarist and recording artist Steven Peacock--in concert at **Saint Anne's Chapel of Ease** at 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, May 28th**. Their fascinating and diverse program features 20th and 21st-century compositions across a wide expressive and technical range, as well as music with strong dance elements and innovative arrangements of folk melodies in a variety of Atlantic Canadian and South American traditions. Works by Handel, Fürstenau, Tisserand and Piazzolla will round out the program. Tickets at the door

are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a **“Breakfast & Yard Sale”**, June 3rd, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Breakfast \$7/person.

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Minute for Missions Asian Heritage Month

Our gifts for Mission & Service support intercultural programs in The United Church of Canada.

May is Asian Heritage Month. The month provides a continuing opportunity to prayerfully reflect on the contributions of Asian Canadians to our church and Canadian society and to honour and celebrate this important aspect of Canadian history.

In church and society, Asian cultures and traditions are broad and diverse.

Comprising many language groups, cultural traditions, histories, and ways of expressing faith, Asian Canadians have many ways of being.

In the United Church, there are Chinese Cantonese-, Chinese Mandarin-, Korean-, Tagalog-, and Tamil-speaking congregations; all of these are expressions of our intercultural church. One way the United Church seeks to honour Asian Heritage Month is through worship, and each year, new resources for worship are created to lift up different aspects of Asian heritages.

Asian Heritage Month is not limited to the contributions of Asians in Canada. The United Church has strong ties to Mission & Service partners throughout Asia who are addressing human rights abuses wherever they occur as part of building a world of justice for all. Critical issues for the region include peace building and upholding the rights of communities to healthy environments in the context of resource extraction projects, such as mining.

We sing thanksgiving that Mission & Service supports our intercultural journey.

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please

join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!

The Board met on May 18. Here are some important items to report:

There is a group of congregants and ministers who are working towards closer collaboration among United Churches in Fredericton. They call themselves Visionaries. There are three **volunteer** opportunities related to the Visionaries group: We need a Visionary rep for our congregation. This involves attending a few meetings a year and reporting back to the Board. We are also looking for soup kitchen volunteers to join a Wilmot team, Sunday nights once a month. Finally, we are looking for people to join a group to organize a joint service for churches involved in the group. Please speak to Jean Fisher or Jula Hughes if you are interested in any of these opportunities.

The Board voted on remits as required by the UCC. The most important change is in Remit 1. It proposes to eliminate presbytery and replace conference with a regional council. We voted in favour. If you would like details, and information about the other Remits, please speak to a Board member.

We are happy to report that the Board has appointed Mary Grant as Treasurer for the remainder of the year. As you know, the AGM did not result in a treasurer appointment. Thank you to the task force (Bob Fisher, William Hughes and Diane Robinson) for making improvements to the way we perform accounting work and to Mary for giving us an opportunity to recruit a replacement treasurer for the next AGM. Candidates for next treasurer should be identified no later than September so there can be a smooth transition rather than a replay of this year's crisis. Please consider serving!

Please note the date of June 4 at noon in your calendars for voting on the JNAC report!

