

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



Thanksgiving Sunday October 10, 2021 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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Land Acknowledgment

At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqey land.

Declaration of a Safe Space

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 509

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Welcome and Announcements

Centring Prayer:

Call to Worship:

Wisdom searches. Wisdom seeks.

And we journey with her.

Wisdom wonders. Wisdom wanders.

And we follow her call.

Through the fog

of our confusing lives,

through the bright lights

that distract us from Christ's way,

Wisdom offers us security. Wisdom offers us clarity.

Wisdom offers us the knowledge of God's ways.

And so we follow her call and heed her ways.

Let us seek Wisdom as we worship today.

Richard Bott, Vancouver, B.C. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2021, page 31. Used with permission.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

Loving God, you who are the centre of all being, we begin our worship today with a thankful heart. We call to mind the many ways our lives are made better just by knowing that your unconditional love and acceptance is a part of who we are. May this time together be guided by your Holy Spirit and may we be uplifted and strengthened in your love and light, so we may channel that love and light into the world. This we pray in the name of the one who is the light of the world, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Stephanie Richmond, Greenbank-Seagrave P.C., Greenbank, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2021, page 32. Used with permission.

Opening Hymn: For the Beauty of the earth VU 226

Story Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: see insert

Hymn of Praise: God of the Sparrows VU 229

Participants leave for Sunday School after first verse.

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God,
we offer you our soft selves,
honestly and timidly,
knowing you are a good and gentle God.
It can be scary
to name the hurt that has been done to us
and the hurt we've done to others.
But we know there is new life for us
beyond our cuts and bruises.
We know there is restoration for us
in our relationships with you
and the rest of our human family.
Take our insecurities and fears,
which drive us to hurt ourselves and others,
take them and transform them into
the seeds of our compassion.
Cultivate in us your new life. Amen.

Selina Mullin, St. John's U.C., Marathon, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2021, page 33.
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In silence now we pray...

Promise of Assurance:

This is the Good News in Jesus Christ:
God loves us more than we love ourselves.
God set us free to love others.
Thanks be to God.

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Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Joel 2:21-27

Psalm 126 VU 850

1 Timothy 2:1-7

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection:

Special Music: Bless This House

Responding

Minutes for Mission:

Presentation of our Gifts

Prayers of Our Community:

(Congregation is invited to name petition for prayer)

We have brought to you, O God, gifts that you have given us.

We hold up our emptied hands, praying that by your grace,
they may be filled anew, allowing us to give you thanks again.

Fern Gibbard, for Oasis U.C., Penticton, B.C. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2021, page 38.
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Prayer Response: Lord Listen to Your Children Praying VU 400

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Closing Hymn: For the Fruit of All Creation VU 227

Sharing the Light

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Amen:

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you
each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong
and true. Know God will guide you in all you do. Go now
in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all
the world can see. God will be there, watching from
above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen,
Amen, Amen.**

Postlude: