

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



Lent 4 – March 22, 2020 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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.

For detailed announcements please see the announcement page on the bulletin boards or easel in the sanctuary.

## Gathering

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Extinguishing Lenten Candle

\*\*Introit:

Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: Shepherd us, oh God.  
All: Open our ears to hear your calling.  
One: Shepherd us, oh God.  
All: Open our eyes to see your care.  
One: Shepherd us, oh God.  
All: Shear our fascination with the ways of the world.  
One: Shepherd us, oh God.  
All: Prepare us to follow you.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

Visionary creator, give us your vision.  
Show us our hearts, our homes, our communities,  
and our world through your eyes.  
Wash away the scales from our eyes,  
and help us to see where we do not see.  
Allow us to see creation as you see it now,  
and as you envision it to become.  
Help us to realize your vision,  
and walk the road of life -  
the way and path of Jesus. Amen.

\*\*Opening Hymn:

Story Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught

\*\*Song of Praise:

Prayer of Confession

Promise of Assurance

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

1 Samuel 16: 1-13  
Psalm 23 VU p. 747  
John 9: 1-41

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

Special Music:

Reflection:

\*\*Hymn of Reflection:

## Responding

### Presentation of Our Gifts

**\*\*Offering Verse:**

**\*\*Prayer After Giving:**

### Prayers of Our Community:

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:**

**\*\*Sharing the Light**

**\*\*Commissioning and Benediction:**

**\*\*Choral Amen:**

May the road rise to meet you;  
May the wind be always at your back;  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
May the rain fall soft upon your fields;  
And until we meet again;  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

### Postlude

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