

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



6th Sunday of Easter,  
May 22, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

## Gathering

Prelude: Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79  
Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:  
Lighting of Christ Candle  
Introit: MV 1 vs5

**Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.**

Call to Worship:  
Come before the Lord with joyful songs,  
because he is good,  
because he is generous,  
because we lack nothing.  
**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise.**

Serve the Lord with gladness,  
because of his greatness and justice,  
because he puts an end to war,  
and to all forms of violence.  
**Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise.**

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Today we have gathered together to enjoy Your presence.  
To present ourselves and seek Your refreshing water of  
Life. Come Holy Spirit and fill us as we worship and may  
we be aware of Your face shining upon us.**

Opening Hymn: Come, O Fount of Every Blessing VU 559

Intergenerational Time and Special Music:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Adaptation by Jim Cotter VU 916

Hymn of Praise: This is God's Wondrous World. VU 296

*Young at heart leave for Sunday School after first verse*

Prayer of Confession:  
*(a time of silent prayer) Amen*

Words of Assurance:  
**We thank You Lord for hearing our prayers spoken and  
unspoken. You promised us that You would not leave us as  
orphans, but that You are with us always and wherever we  
go even to the ends of the earth.**

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:  
Revelation 21: 10, 22-22: 5  
Ezekiel 47:1-12  
John 7:37-39

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

Reflection: The River of God

## Responding

Presentation 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: And When You Call for Me MV 96

**And when you call for me,  
I have already answered.  
And when you call for me,  
I am already there.**

Closing Hymn: How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place MV 29

Commissioning and Sharing the Light

Choral Amen: Behold, Behold, I Make all things new MV 115

**Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)  
I make all things new,  
beginning with you and starting from today.  
Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)  
I make all things new, my promises true,  
for I am Christ the way.**

Postlude: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go VU 658

## 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 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.

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