



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

Creation 1

14th Sunday after Pentecost  
 September 11, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

## Gathering

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

Prelude:

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Lighting of Christ Candle

\*\*Introit: MV 1

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to  
forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and  
vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this  
place.**

\*\*Call to Worship:

One: Come, Beloved of God, the blistering wind of life is not  
the end.

**Many: May the eye of the storm still us into wholeness and  
hope.**

One: May the wind of God, turn us around toward trust in  
Holy promises.

**Many: May our promises to God be pressed anew into our  
hearts and minds.**

One: May everything of excess be released and refined for  
Love's good work.

**Many: May God's vision of a world made new arise from  
God's wind in and through us.**

\*\*Gathering Prayer: (All)

**O Holy Wind of God, sweep through our lives. Pause us  
into your presence, slowing our breathless pace. Refine in  
us a renewed willingness to bear gracious goodness into  
the chaos of the world. Let our memories on this day, call  
forth an alternative to the easy response of violence for  
violence. Form instead a steady commitment to return love  
in the face of fear, hope in the midst of despair, and mercy  
for every brokenness of the world's design. By this, form  
anew the heart and mind of Christ in us, here, now, today.**

Call to Worship and Gathering Prayer by Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins,  
in Worship Ways for Sept 11, 2022

\*\*Opening Hymn: Jesus, Come to Our Hearts VU 324

Intergenerational Time: based on Luke 15: 1-10

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

**Our Father/Mother who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy 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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

\*\*Hymn of Praise: O Beautiful Gaia MV41  
*Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse*

Prayer of Self Reflection:

One: Intimate God, we gather in prayer as we have been  
taught, and as we have done over the years in this your  
church.

**All: Lord, hear our prayers**

One: We function from day to day, our attentions more on our calendars and less on the miracle of your creation.

**All: Lord, hear our prayers**

One: Too often we assume good fortune by the power of Jesus, without a thought of praise and thanksgiving.

**All: Lord, hear our prayers**

One: We have at times relegated our interaction with you to a single day of the week, rather than continually lifting our voices in songs of thanksgiving and praise.

**All: Lord, hear our prayers**

One: We are so busy that we may fail to recognize the work of your Spirit buoying us up through the tough parts of living.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayers**

One: For our shortcomings and our lack of acknowledgement of your greatness in our lives, we ask tolerance and forgiveness.

We ask that you hear our individual concerns and joys as we continue our prayer in silence.

*(a time of silent prayer)*

One: Help us face each day and each challenge with praise in our hearts and in our voices for all the blessings which you have given. Amen

Words of Assurance:

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

1 Timothy 1: 12-17;

Psalm 14: VU 735;

Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28;

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

\*\*Hymn of Exploration: This is God's Wondrous World VU 296

Reflection: This **IS** God's Wondrous World

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: Lord Listen to Your Children 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!**

Commissioning and Sharing the Light:

**As the wind blows through our lives, leaving a freshness in its place, let the light of the Christ candle blow into us and through us into others. Let Jesus, the light of the world guide us in this coming week, and assure us of divine hope always. Amen**

\*\*Closing Hymn: Touch the Earth Lightly VU 307

\*\*Benediction:

\*\*Choral Amen: Sent Out in Jesus Name MV 212

**Sent out in Jesus' name,**

**our hands are ready now**

**to make the world the place**

**in which the kingdom comes. (2x)**

Postlude:

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.

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