

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



21st after Pentecost Sunday October 25, 2020 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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**Please share the following phone number with your vulnerable friends. If you have any need for any reason call 1-844-462-8387**

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

## Gathering

Prelude:

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit:

MV 79

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.**

Welcome

Call to Worship:

The world says

**“Love your neighbours,  
And hate your enemies.”**

But Jesus said

**that’s not good enough.**

“Love your neighbours.

**Love your enemies.**

**Pray for them.”**

That’s what Jesus said.

**Love my enemy?**

Love your neighbour.

Love your enemy.

Pray for them.

**What was Jesus trying to teach us?**

Perhaps, if we pause and open ourselves to receive,  
we’ll figure that out.

**Then let us worship God!**

*Richard Bott, Vancouver, B.C. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2020, page 35, Used with permission*

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Gracious God,  
these moments of worship can change lives,  
can bind us together as a community of compassion,  
and can give us purpose and direction.  
These are awesome moments we share in worship.  
We thank you for the opportunity that is before us.  
We thank you for the blessing that will assuredly be  
ours. Amen.**

David Sparks, Summerland, B.C. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2020, page 38,  
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Centering Prayer

Opening Hymn:

A New Creed

VU 918

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

Story Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught

**Our Father/Mother in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
You, who does not lead us into temptation  
but delivers us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for ever.  
Amen.**

Special Music:

A Music Prayer: (All)

God of harmony,  
you give us music rich in variety,  
to connect us with you and all creation.  
We thank you for inspiring poets and musicians  
who bring praise to our lips.  
Help us embrace the harmonies of your creative genius;  
Let your hope, faith, love, and joy  
resound in us and ring throughout the earth.  
Fill us with the rhythm of your heartbeat  
in your symphony of being  
as it guides and nurtures us  
in mission with you.  
We pray in the name of Christ, the singer and the song.  
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Promise of Assurance

# Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Bob Fisher

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90 VU 805-806

Matthew 22:34:46

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection:

Music for Reflection:

## Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Prayers of Our Community:

One: In Your mercy

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Lord, listen to your children praying,

VU 400

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

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

Closing Hymn: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

VU 357

Announcements

Sharing the Light

Commissioning:

Choral Amen:

VU 298

**When you walk from here,  
when you walk from here,  
walk with justice, walk with mercy,  
and with God's humble care.**

Postlude: Oh, God our Help

VU 806