

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



Pentecost Sunday
June 5, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Young at heart leave for Sunday School

Prelude: O Beautiful Gaia MV 41

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:

One: The Spirit is here among us

All: within us, around us, between us.

One: The Spirit is here to strengthen us

All: bringing courage, bringing conviction.

One: The Spirit is here to move us,

All: giving us songs to sing and cause for praise.

One: The Spirit is here.

All: May we feel the Spirit as we gather.

May we be fed by her fiery strength.

May we be emboldened by her powerful wind.

One: We gather in the Spirit's arms to be nurtured as we worship.

**All: And may our worship fill us with the Spirit
as we go back out into our ordinary lives.**

Opening Hymn: All Who Are Thirsty MV 4

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Adaptation by Jim Cotter VU 916

Hymn of Praise: Come O Holy Spirit MV 23

Prayer of Confession:

**We confess to you, Renewing Spirit,
that we confuse unity with uniformity,
and diversity with divisiveness.**

**We speak and behave as if being a part of your family
means assimilating others to our way of living.**

**We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each
person.**

**We long to change these patterns, O Creator,
but we do not know how.**

Teach us to value challenge.

Help us to see strength in difference.

**And empower us to build your kin-dom in creativity and
love. Amen.**

(a time of silent prayer) Amen

Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Acts 2:1-21

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

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

All: Thanks be to God

Reflection:

Special Music: Turn! Turn! Turn!
By Pete Seger (Book of Ecclesiastes)

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Communion:
Invitation

One: When Jesus sat at tables and broke bread with tax collectors, lawyers, rich elites, and poor peasants, he proclaimed that God's gracious love and abiding presence knows no bounds. Through these occasions of sharing food, women and men experienced God, and shared in God's Kin-dom. A Kin-dom, where: all are welcome, worthy, and invited; lives are transformed and empowered; and the fruits of God's gentle justice bloom throughout all Creation.

All: All people, including each of us, are invited to share in this sacred meal of celebration, and be strengthened by the presence of God in this place.

Prayer of Remembrance

One: We remember that Jesus fed 5,000 hungry people with five loaves of bread and two fish. At this miraculous meal, there was such an abundance of generosity that everyone ate until they were full – and there were even twelve baskets of food left over.

All: Holy God, we celebrate Your abundant care and solidarity, revealed in this meal.

One: We remember that Jesus joined a great banquet with Levi, the despised tax collector. And despite the complaints of some, Jesus welcomed Levi, and invited him to repent and enjoy a fresh beginning at life.

All: Holy God, we celebrate Your transforming presence, revealed in this meal.

One: We remember that while sharing a meal with Pharisees, Jesus welcomed a woman viewed as an outsider. As the woman anointed his feet with oil, Jesus declared her dignity before everyone at the meal.

All: Holy God, we celebrate Your gracious inclusiveness, revealed in this meal.

One: At these meals, Jesus, and the women and men disciples resisted the divisions, injustice, and violence of society. They lived out an alternative reality – the Kin-dom of God – a place of love, justice, and mutuality.... Therefore, Holy God, in the sharing of this bread and cup, we joyfully celebrate the hope-inspiring ministry and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Lifting of the Elements

Blessings:

All: Holy God, bless each of us, and the meal we will share, so we may be: opened to your abiding presence; nourished by your gracious love; and strengthened by your resurrection power. Amen!

One: Come taste the Kin-dom, and know God is present with us here.

Prayer After Communion:

Amazing God, thank you for your presence in this place. We also thank you for giving us a taste of your Kin-dom in this meal. Please use the food we have received this day to strengthen us to be your joyful and hopeful Resurrection Community, sharing and experiencing your Kin-dom of love, justice, and mutuality. Flow through us, healing God. Amen!

Closing Hymn: Draw The Circle Wide MV 145

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: And On This Path MV 8

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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