

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



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 5, 2019 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Our worship leader is Elizabeth Savoie LLWL.

Our music is led by Alex Good  
and the FHUC Choir.

Our greeter this morning is May Houston.

Our hospitality host is Diane Robinson.

Our Sunday School Teacher is Jula Hughes  
and our tellers are William Hughes and Robert Christie.

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.

## Gathering

*At the \*\*, please rise or remain seated according to your needs.*

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

\*\*Introit:

MV 156

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin'  
walk with the Spirit through-out the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life a-borning',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: This is the Season of Easter:  
All: the celebration of resurrection.  
One: the festival of hope,  
All: the promise of new beginnings,  
One: the dance of faith,  
All: the sound of joy,  
One: the music of gladness,  
All: the hymn of love.  
Let us worship our life-giving God!

\*\*Opening Hymn: The Spring Has Come

VU 187

## Gathering Prayer: (All)

Eternal God,  
Light of the minds that know you,  
Joy of the hearts that love you  
and strength of the desire to serve you:  
Grant us so to know that we may truly love you,  
so to love you fully serve you,  
whom to serve is perfect freedom.  
Amen

## Children's Time

### Prayer that Jesus Taught: (All)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all.  
Loving God, in whom is heaven.  
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed  
by the peoples of the earth!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

*After the Prayer that Jesus Taught,  
children and teachers will leave for Sunday School.*

## Exploring

### Words from Our Bible:

John Neville

Acts 9: 1-6  
Psalm 30 VU Page 757 with refrain  
John 21: 1-19

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
All: Thanks be to God!

### Prayer of Gratitude: (All)

Creative God,  
as the sun melts the ice in spring,  
as blossoms burst on dry branches –  
so your work heals  
and transforms the care and worry within us.  
In Christ's resurrection  
we receive the promise of abundant life.  
Thanks be to God.  
Amen

Special Music: Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen

### Reflection

\*\*Hymn of Reflection: Will You Come and Follow Me VU 567

## Responding

Minute for Mission

May Houston

Presentation of Our Gifts

**\*\*Offering Verse:**

MV 135

Called by earth and sky,  
promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust,  
treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.

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

The bounty of this generous Earth is a blessing,  
the reward of our daily labour is a treasure.  
We pray in gratitude for this abundance.  
Blessed by the action of the Spirit,  
may our gifts be empowered to bring healing,  
hope and justice throughout the world.  
We pray out of deep joy, for this for us. Amen

**Prayers of Our Community:**

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!

VU 400

**\*\*Closing Hymn: Sent Out in Jesus' Name**

MV 212

**\*\*Sharing the Light**

**\*\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**\*\*Choral Amen:**

MV 215

Peace be with you, peace forever,  
peace be with you, my friends.  
Till we meet again,  
may God be with you.  
Peace, peace, peace.

Postlude

*Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship*

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**Church News**

**COMING UP @ FHUC**

Book Club	Tuesday May 7 <sup>th</sup> in the parlour
Quilt Group	Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Upper Room
Movie Night	Friday May 10 <sup>th</sup> The King's Speech
Congregational Meeting	Sunday May 12 <sup>th</sup> after church

The Forest Hill Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> in the Church parlour at 12 noon. The book for May is Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

Movie Night Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The King's Speech. Suitable for ages 14+ due to some coarse language. Popcorn and tea will be served.

Congregational Meeting on May 12 after church. The subject is land use.

Forest Hill United Church has a summer employment opportunity under the Canada Summer Jobs program for a project-based position with a duration of 8 weeks (35 hours/wk.). Contact: Margie Roxborough ([margie.roxborough@bellaliant.net](mailto:margie.roxborough@bellaliant.net)).

Reverend Deborah would love a matched set of wing back chairs for the study. Please let us know if you have anything.

Your favourite hymns are being requested. Please fill out a ballot and put your selection in the box at the back of the church.

Photos or video may be taken for use on our web site and social media sites. Please advise a board member if you do not want your photo used on-line.

Scripture Readers are needed each week to assist during Worship Services. Please help Patricia Powell (455-8602), who coordinates readers, by indicating on the Reader Chart on the table by the kitchen, which Sundays you would be available to read (√), if needed, and also when you would not be available (x). New readers are most welcome, and names can be added to the Chart.

## **Community Events**

Take-out Ham Supper – Friday, May 10, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Nashwaaksis United Church. The take-out supper includes carved baked ham, potato salad, coleslaw, roll and dessert for \$12. Please reserve your take-out by Thursday, May 9th with Rindy or Tom Austin, 450-7151.

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner on May 22nd, 2019. Tickets; \$15/person, and \$3/child and to reserve your tickets please call 457-1666.

A couple has contacted us looking for a basement apartment to rent for the coming school year (Aug. - June). If you have such a space, please let the church office know and we will forward the contact information.