

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



Easter Sunday April 4, 2021 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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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.

Participants will leave for Sunday School after first verse

Gathering

Prelude: Sonata op. 16, second movement,
Ludwig van Beethoven

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: MV 12

**Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.**

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Prayer:

Call to Worship:

One: Children of the Resurrection. Where are you?

All: We are with Jesus, our God, at the beginning!

One: Children of the Resurrection. Did you not trust that an end is always a beginning?

All: We were tired. The journey seemed impossible, but we remembered who we are and whose we are!

One: Children of the Resurrection. Welcome home.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**We are here, the cross has no power.
Our journey has brought us here, as we knew it would.
Together we walked**

On tired feet,

with weary souls,

with grief in our hearts.

**On a journey to witness a great act of love,
remembering in our hearts the promise of resurrection.
And now we stand,
the Body of Christ.**

Lead by the Word.
We, the Children of the Resurrection,
prepared to live in to the love of God,
open to the peace of Christ, so recently won,
to act in fellowship in the world of our Creator.

Allelulia!

Amen.

Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today VU 155

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection: Getting Used to Different

Special Music: Hallelujah, Leonard Cohen,
arranged by Nadine Martin

Presentation of our Gifts / Minute for Mission

Communion Hymn: Bread of Life, Broken and Shared MV 197
refrain

Communion

Easter Celebration of Communion

Invitation

The Resurrection has begun! The Day of Celebration is here!

Alleluia!

We gather at the table to share in the Banquet of Life!

Here we meet all who share with us the hope for a brighter future!

All who wish to follow The Way of Life are welcome to eat and drink at God's table.

Let us eat together.

Thanksgiving

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

We should give thanks!

Thanks and praise to the One who brings life!

As inheritors of that hope we join together in the cries the welcomed him into Jerusalem, the cries of hope for the world:

Hosanna! Hosanna! Holy One!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Remembering

Transforming

And so, as children of a loving Creator, we pray together the words that Jesus, the Risen Christ, taught his friends

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,

may your name be made holy,

may your dominion come,

may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today the bread we need;

and forgive us our debts,

as we have forgiven our debtors;

and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.

For yours is the dominion, and the power,

and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking and Pouring

These are Gifts from God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

Sharing of the elements

Closing

We have eaten, we have drunk, we have embraced the beginning of the new age.

Grant, O God, that we who have gathered together on this Day of Resurrection, will move on as people of hope, people of life, people of the Kingdom.

May the meal we have shared today revive us in body and soul and energize us as we go out to share the Good News. Christ is Risen! Death is Defeated! Life Wins! Alleluia and Amen!

Prayer after Communion *Post-Communion Prayer*

Prayers of Our Community:

Concluding Praise *Doxology*

Let the people say, "Amen!"

Amen

Closing Hymn: Bread of Life, Broken and Shared MV 197

Sharing the Light

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Amen: MV 65

**When we have struggled and searched through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Saviour, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.**

Postlude: My Soul Cries Out MV 120