


Forest Hill United Church
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'
 Reign of Christ Sunday
 24th Sunday after Pentecost
 November 20, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!
Those going to Sunday School will leave before service

Gathering

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

Prelude: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - J.S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements & Acknowledgement:

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.

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:

God gives voice to the voiceless and power to the weak.

God offers the world a vision of justice, compassion and peace for all.

In God's realm, the powerless are supported, the hurting are healed, and the lost are offered direction and hope.

God guides and inspires us as we make manifest Christ's reign of justice and compassion.

Let us worship the God of spirit and truth. Let us pray:

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**God of majesty and mercy,
 we give you thanks and praise for your commitment to your creation.**

**In Christ, you have turned the world upside down,
 revealing your strength through weakness,
 and your power through compassion.**

**The story of salvation you have told your people across the ages teaches that nothing,
 no seemingly dead or hopeless situation,
 can prevent your love from enduring.**

**Turn the world upside down once more,
 so that your mercy prevails over those who would rule by force,
 and your truth triumphs over the world's deceptions.
 Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: Open My Eyes That I May See VU 371

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: Shadow and Substance MV 44

Prayer of Self Reflection:

One: Caring 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: Through the Word and Way of Jesus, you show us how
to live, love and serve.

**All: However, there are times when we shrink from acts of
service that seem too demanding.**

One: Sometimes we think someone else will take up the
challenges we face.

**All: Throughout the coming week, inspire us with the
example of Jesus, and help us to respond in faith to the
challenges and opportunities that are before us.**

(a time of silent prayer)

One: Help us face each day and each challenge with the
strength of your love and the guidance of your Spirit. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:
Luke 23:33–43

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

All: Thanks be to God

**Hymn of Reflection: Jesus, Remember Me (Sung 3X) VU 148

Reflection: “Revolutionary Love”

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.**

Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body VU 467

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

One: Glory to God in the highest.

All: And on earth, hope and peace to all.

One: Blessed are you, gracious God... So it is that we raise
our voices to give you thanks and praise

All: Holy, holy, holy God. God of time and space.

**All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your
grace.**

One: So we remember that... may be the body of Christ,
light, life and love to the world.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Post-Communion Prayer. **For the food we have eaten, for
the wine we have tasted, we give you thanks, Holy One.
Now send us forth, united in courage, peace and love, to
give light to those in need, and be Christ's hands and feet
in the world. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: Christ Has No Body Now But Yours MV 171

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**

****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: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me VU 635

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