

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



4th Sunday after Pentecost
July 3, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!
Gathering

Prelude:

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Lighting of 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.**

Call to Worship:

One: Make a joyful sound to the Holy One. Let the earth rejoice.

Many: How awesome are your works, O Sovereign!

One: Creation groans under the pressure of war, environmental abuse, and communal disconnection.

Many: We cry out to you, Present God, and you hear and respond.

One: You turn our mourning into movement and stir our souls to action and to rest.

Many: Everlasting God, we will give thanks and praise you for you clothe us in joy and peace.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

God with us, you send us into the world as your agents of restoration and change. You speak to us in the stillness of our rest and the chaos of a frenzied world. You guide us in troubling times, and you move us to dance in celebration. We give thanks for your presence among us. Open all points of receptivity within us as we worship you, Holy and Living God. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Dance with the Spirit MV 156

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Paraphrased by Sarah Dylan Breuer

**Loving Creator
we honour you, and we honour all that you have made.
Renew the whole world in the image of Your love.
Give us what we need for today,
and a hunger to see the whole world fed.
Strengthen us for what lies ahead;
heal us from the hurts of the past;
give us courage to follow your call in this moment.
For your love is the only power,
the only home,
the only honour we need,
in this world and in the world to come.
Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: Like a Healing Stream MV 144

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

One: Spirit of the Living God, temptation surrounds us. Self-preservation lures us to indifference.

Many: Fear of confrontation coaxes us to keep silent about things that matter. The desire to be right entices us to ignore the cries of our neighbors. Too often we ignore the call to go and remain stuck in our attitudes and behaviors.

One: Too often, we are the ones who refuse to welcome you into our intimate space, who resist the work of transformation, and who remain unresponsive to the burdens of our siblings in creation.

Many: Spirit of Gentleness, redirect us back to the path of life, the way of justice, and the hope of peace.

(a time of silent prayer)

Amen

Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

2 Kings 5: 1-14
Psalm 30 VU 757
Galatians 6: 7-16
Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection:

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Sung Response: Work for a World MV 127
But with God the world is turned upside down
the poor are embraced and the lost they are found
Let's work for a world where all people are free
where it's good to feel good about God
loving you and me.

Blessing the Gifts:

Creator, bless these gifts that we bring to this community and the world. May our time be used preciously, our treasure shared faithfully, and our talents demonstrated gloriously in your name. Amen.

Prayers of Our Community:

Sung Response: When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides MV 169
When hands reach out beyond divides
and hope is truly found,
each chain of hate will fall away
and bells of peace shall sound,
and bells of peace, of peace shall sound,
and bells of peace shall sound,
each chain of hate will fall away
and bells of peace shall sound.

Closing Hymn: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace VU 684

Commissioning and Sharing the Light:

Choral Amen: Peace Be with You 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:

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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.

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