Forest Hill United Church
An Affirming Congregation
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'

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19th Day after Pentecost
October 15, 2017 at 10 am

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.
Our worship leader is **Rev. Bob Jones,**
Our music director is **Alex Good**,
and the **FHUC Choir**.
Our greeters this morning are **Lorna McKnight** and **Joe Rideout**,
our Sunday School teachers are **Jula Hughes**
and **Margie Roxborough**,
our hospitality host is **May Houston**,
and our tellers are **Jennifer Abbott** and **Mary-Anne Blakney**.

Forest Hill United Church is a safe place for all people to gather regardless of race, creed, age, ability, cultural background, sexual orientation, or gender identity. You are welcome here!

Gathering

At the **, please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude

Welcoming the Light

****Introit:** ***(Sung Together)***

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin'
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

All: In the spirit of Jesus Christ,
Who calls us to be the church and
To celebrate God's presence.
Let us worship

Prayer of Approach: ***(Spoken by All)***

All: Our God, as a gentle rain soaks the earth
May your peace and love fall upon us,
Bringing growth and life.
Speak to our innermost being so that
All that makes us anxious will be quiet.
Help us to linger in your presence,
And send us out refreshed,
To carry your peace to others. Amen

****Opening Hymn:** Called by Earth and Sky MV 135

Exploring

Story Time: **Margie Roxborough**

****Song of Praise:** For the Crowd of Thousands VU 355

After the first verse the children and teachers will leave for Sunday School

Words from Our Bible: **Graham Powell**

1 John 4: 7-11
Psalm 107 Parts 1,2 page 831 VU
Matthew 5:43 - 48

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

Special Music:

Message: A Story of Forgiveness

****Hymn of Reflection:** What a Friend We Have in Jesus VU 664

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** ***(Sung Together)*** **VU 300, verse 3**

All our labour, all our watching,
all our calendar of care,
in the crops of your creation,
take, O God, they are our prayer.

****Prayer After Giving:**

Prayers of Our Community:

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

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 echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
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 testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, 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 a New Zealand Prayer Book, and VU pg.916

****Closing Hymn:** I Can Feel You Near Me God MV 48

****Sharing the Light**

****Blessing:**

****Choral Response:** ***(Sung Together 2 times)*** VU 958

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Hallelujah! Hallellujah!

Postlude:

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship!

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Printed sermons and large print bulletins are available from our greeters for anyone who might find either useful.

Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Quilt Group	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
October 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Library (or Choir Room):	Spiritual Guidance Committee
Oct 26th	FHUC 50th Anniversary Working Group 7:00pm
Pie Making Day	October 28th in the kitchen
Choir Practice	Sunday at 9:30 and 11:30-12:30 in the Choir Room

The Interchurch Refugee Committee is looking for people who would be willing to drive members of our refugee family to appointments, for groceries, etc. Both adults speak some English and are working hard to improve their English language skills. We want to compile a list from all three churches do distribute the responsibility around. If you are willing, please contact Margie Roxborough at 455-0576.
The Interchurch Refugee Committee is having a drop-in social to welcome the members of the Shege family from Congo and the Al Rahi family from Syria. Both families arrived in July and are getting settled in to Fredericton. This will be held at St. Paul's United Church from 2-4 pm on October 15th. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Tuesday October 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Library (or Choir Room): Spiritual Guidance Committee meeting. All members of the former Worship, Outreach and Pastoral Care Committees - and any other interested folk - are welcome. The agenda includes preparation for Advent and Christmas Eve services, etc.

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton is having their Annual General Meeting on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 1:30 PM at the Church of St. John and Paul, New Maryland. Direction: Following the New Maryland road, the Church is on the left hand side going towards Nasonworth. Their hall is in the basement of the church. The entrance is to the right of the church when you're in the parking lot. Lots of room for parking & is wheelchair accessible. Reminder: Women's Inter-Church member's representative membership fee of $10.00 is due from each Church. The Fellowship of the Least Coin donation can be received at this time. Everyone is welcome of all Christian denominations.

FHUC 50th Anniversary Working Group will meet in the Parlour at 7:00 pm on Thursday October 26th. More "heroes" needed!

A Celebration: Doreen Kissick's daughters invite you to help celebrate Doreen's 90th. Birthday on 28th. October at an Open House to be held from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. at 792, Burden Street.. There will be cake and coffee.

Iridesce-The Living Apology Project. Iridesce is a joint project between Affirm United and the United Church of Canada, funded by the Mission & Service Fund. General Council 42 voted to support a national project of story-sharing with people affected by the Church's 1988 decision. These stories would then help the church to discern if, and how, it might live into a possible apology to our church's lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and Two-Spirit (LGBTQ2) people. With inspiration, this project has been named Iridesce: The Living Apology Project. An evening workshop/story-telling event is being planned for Thursday, October 26 beginning at 6:30 pm in the parlour at Wilmot United Church. Refreshments will be provided. Aaron Miechkota, Project Coordinator from Montreal will facilitate the event as part of her tour of Maritime Conference. This evening is open to all who would love to be involved with this project and share their life-experiences coming out of the 1988 decision. More information from Libby or Jean.

Apple Pie Making Day, October 28 8:30 - finished. Please check the signup sheets on the table by the coffee to order pies and signup to help on the day. Many hands make light work and if you can come for a few hours or all day it will help to make this fundraiser a success. Questions: contact Diane Robinson 459-8779 or by email at robinsondiane47@gmail.com

The New Brunswick Mat Registry is a group of rug hookers who are trying to preserve the history of Traditional Rug Hooking in NB. There is going to be a Mat Registry at Government House on Saturday November 18. We are currently registering mats and chair pads and wall hangings etc. which were hooked anytime up to 1992. If you have mats that fit this criteria, please contact Mary Grant at 459-8525 or mary.e.grant.rughooking@gmail.com. Please help us retain this important part of the history of New Brunswick. To get more information, check out www.mats-tapisnb.com

Community Events

New Maryland United Church is hosting a BBQ Salmon Supper at the New Maryland Centre on Sunday, October 15. Sittings are 4 PM and 5:30 PM. Take outs also available. Tickets are $17.00 . To purchase tickets, call 459-3313 (leave a message) or 447-0784. Tickets also available at door.

Gibson Memorial United Church will be hosting a "Turkey Dinner" on Wednesday, Oct. 18th, 4 – 6 p.m. Tickets: Adult $14; Child $3. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH *(46 Main St.)* UCW Unit 6 is hosting a bridge luncheon on Thursday, October 19th, at 12 noon here in our auditorium. *To reserve your table for $40, please contact Connie at 472-4744. Call now to reserve your spot!*

Enjoy an evening Dinner Theatre at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, at 6:00 pm on Saturday, October 28th. For only $25 you will be treated to the comedy show "The Life of Riley" and a 3-course meal of harvest soup, complete turkey dinner, and cheesecake. Numbers are limited so please reserve early from Rindy & Tom Austin, 450-7151.

Minute for Missions / Food Insecurity

Our gifts for Mission & Service offer self-sufficiency and hope. Let us hear a story from the West Bank.

Life is a constant struggle for Palestinian Muslims and Christians living in the West Bank. Separated from family living in Israel, Gaza, or further abroad, many also face land confiscation or are unable to reach their land to work it because of Israeli restrictions on travel. Those who want to build new agriculture-related structures rarely receive permits from the Israeli authority; if they build anyway, they are subject to demolitions.

In the West Bank, the Near East Council of Churches has developed a food security program focused on families who have lost land and property due to the Israeli occupation and illegal settlements. Through this intervention, a family receives three main components. First is material for a shed for livestock. As part of the project, the family must contribute by building the shed, often with the help of the community. Second, they receive five fruit trees that are about four years old, and third, they receive 12 chickens, two pregnant sheep, and enough feed for 100 days. Training and support are also provided.

These supplies give those struggling to feed their families the ability to become self-sufficient, providing milk, eggs, fruit, dairy products, and meat for their own needs while also having enough left over to trade or sell at markets.