

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



6th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 17, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

We welcome those from Gibson United who have joined us today.

## 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: Come, open your hearts, and listen for the voice of  
God,

**All: Come, open your hearts to love one another.**

One: Come, open your minds, and receive the Spirit of  
wisdom.

**All: Come, open your minds to new understanding and  
insight.**

One: Come, open your senses, and experience our Creator at  
work.

**All: Come, open yourselves to the work of God around  
us.**

One: Come, open your arms, awake and arise, for God is  
calling you:

**All: Come and join in the worship of our awesome God.**  
(from [Rev-o-lution.org](http://Rev-o-lution.org))

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**As we worship this morning, O God,  
we pray that your Spirit will be our strength,  
your Word will be our guide,  
your love will be our comfort,  
and your promises will be our hope.  
Make us attentive to your Word and your will for us this  
day. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Let Us Build a House MV 1

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: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise VU 264

Prayer of Confession:

One: Revealing God, in the mirror we call scripture, we see  
ourselves for who we are and who we are not.

**All: We know what you would have us do, and yet we  
often choose to do something else instead.**

One: Forgive us, O God. Sit us down at Jesus' feet, so we  
may learn a better way.

**All: Open our hearts, that we may humbly acknowledge  
the mistakes we have made...**

*(a time of silent prayer)*

Amen

Words of Assurance:

One: Jesus came that we might be reconciled to God, so that we can, in turn, be reconciled to one another.  
Recreated in God's image, we are made whole.

**All: When we are in Christ, everything becomes new.**

One: Thanks be to God!

**All: Amen!**

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Colossians 1:15-28

Psalms 52 VU 777

Luke 10:38-42

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

Hymn of Exploration: Be Thou My Vision VU642

Reflection: "The Image of the Invisible God"

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.

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: Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12

Commissioning and Sharing the Light:

One: Go now, trusting in God's love and always giving thanks.

**All: We will live confidently in the hope promised by the gospel.**

One: As you go out into the world:  
May God establish you securely in faith;  
May Christ Jesus make you holy and blameless;  
And may the Holy Spirit raise you to maturity in Christ.

**All: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.**

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:

Land Acknowledgment

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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