

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



1st Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Prelude: In You There is a Refuge MV84

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Extinguishing the first Candle of Lent

Introit: VU 108 Verse 1

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope of Easter Day.**

Call to Worship:

One: On this first Sunday in Lent, Jesus our friend invites us with him into the wilderness to be tempted and challenged.

All: He invites us to experience hunger.

One: He invites us to experience powerlessness.

All: He invites us to know what it means to worship in spirit and truth.

Come, let us worship God.

Adapted from Alvin Mahon, The Gathering Lent, Easter 2022 Year C, pg 31

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Merciful God, we are given choices every day.
We give in to temptations all the time.
We choose the easier path, the one which is a habit,
the one which makes us feel good right then in that
moment. Help us through our worship today
to choose Your path, knowing that it will not always be
easy. Help us choose the path that will lead us to Eternal
Life. Amen**

Opening Hymn: Me Alone MV 118

Intergenerational Time: "Letting Go and Cultivating"

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Adaptation by Jim Cotter

Hymn of Praise: We Praise You, Creator VU 293

Young at heart leave for Church School after first verse.

Prayer of Confession:

One: Provider God who created the universe and all that is in it, with abundance for all; we feel threatened by perceived scarcity when in fact we have more than we actually need. When the pandemic first came, there was hoarding of some supplies leading to empty shelves in the stores and an uneven distribution of goods.

All: We are called to live with respect in Creation.

One: Provider God, we fear that we will have to change our lifestyles if there is a scarcity of fossil fuels, although we know that we could use less by planning our errands, car pooling and putting on warmer clothes.; and by doing this we could slow global warming and save your creation..

All: We are called to live with respect in Creation.

One: We hang onto material goods and household items in quantities much greater than we need, when if we gave them away, others could have fewer needs, and the wealth would be more evenly distributed..

All: We are called to live with respect in Creation.

One: We dispose of things, fill the landfills and contribute to a toxic world, when we could repair, recycle, re-purpose or reuse them, proving to ourselves that we do have enough.

All: We are called to live with respect in Creation.

One: We become self-absorbed and feel we don't have time to reach out and help someone through a rough patch; when sharing and support would prove to be time well spent and benefit us both.

All: We are called to live with respect in Creation.

One: In so many aspects of our lives, we fail to see that our

fear of doing without, or fear of scarce material and non-material resources is leading us to choices which in fact give us more than we can use and leave others in need.

All: We are called to live with respect in Creation.

(a time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Psalms 91 VU 808, 809 Video from Covenant Church

Luke 4: 1-13

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection: The Wilderness, the Mountain and the Garden

Special Music: "video" Better Times will Come
- Emily Eddie, Jay Nero, Libby and Brian Cassidy

Responding

Minute for Missions: Geeta's Story

Presentation of our Gifts

Sung Response: Deep in Our Hearts MV 154 Vs. 1

**Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
Telling Creation that we are one.**

Prayers of Our Community:

Response: Stay With Us VU 182

**Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the pain.
Stay with us,
Blessed stranger till the morning breaks again.**

Closing Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU 375

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen: There is Room for All MV 62

**There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom
I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all!**

Postlude: God Be With You till We Meet Again VU 422

Land Acknowledgment

At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqey 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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