

Forest Hill United Church

1968 - 2017



49th Church Anniversary
February 12, 2017 at 10 am

“The church is not a religious community of worshippers of Christ but [it] is Christ himself who has taken form among people.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)
German Theologian

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.

Our worship leaders are Rev. Ali Anningson
and our music director is Alex Good,
who leads us with the assistance of the FHUC Choir.

Our greeter this morning is Lorna McKnight,
our Sunday School teachers are Angela Nelson,
Joan Mitchell, & Alexander Neville,
our hospitality host is Diane Robinson,
and our tellers are Diane Robinson and Jean Fisher.

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

-1-

**Blessing:

One: Life is short, and we do not have too much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So be swift to love and make haste to be kind,
and the blessing of the one who brings us life
and loves us and is in us
be upon you and all those whom you love,
this day and always.

All: **Let us forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

By J. William Flanders (edited)

**Choral Response: *(Sung Together)*

#221 MV

I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
lead me home, lead me home.
Sung Twice

Postlude

***Please join us for coffee and conversation
after worship!***

OFFICE HOURS

(506) 455-0988 | foresthillunited.com

Administrative Assistant - **Kris Yarych**
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12:45 - 3:45 pm
foresth.office@bellaliant.com

Minister - **Rev. Ali Anningson**
Mondays to Thursdays from 9 am - Noon
revalianningson@gmail.com (506) 292-2369 [cell]

One: Holy One, we give thanks to you . . .

One: In light of this, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ's spirit renews our lives.

One: Holy God, may our hearts and minds be alive . . .

One: And now in the spirit of Jesus' teaching, we pray:

**All: Our Father, our Mother, our Holy One,
may your kingdom come,
and your will be done here on earth.
May we find this day the bread we need
and may we feel forgiveness for us our missteps
and forgive others freely for theirs.
May we walk away from temptation
and focus on good.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.
Now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking, Lifting & Serving

Post-Communion Prayer: *(Spoken Together)*

Eternal, loving God, we thank you for this simple common meal
that brings the spirit and reality of Jesus into our hearts,
and brings us closer to you.
May our lives be inspired by your love,
and may your love touch others through us. Amen.

Communion Liturgy & Post-Communion Prayer adapted from J. William Flanders
Lord's Prayer paraphrased by Ali Smith, 2018

****Closing Hymn: #586 VU We Shall Go Out with Hope**

****Sharing the Light**

*The children, youth, and teachers are invited to go to Sunday School
at the beginning of the service and return in time for communion.*

Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcoming the Light

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

#8 MV

**And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!**

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: Come again to give thanks for the goodness of life.
**All: We come to recognize the Holy One
who brings about such goodness.**
One: God has guided us to this time.
All: God has guided us to this place.
One: In our 49 years together, our family tree
has weathered winters, storms, periods of drought.
**All: In our 49 years together, our family tree has enjoyed
gentle sunshine, nourishing rains,
the leisurely warmth of summer breezes.**
One: In this community, we have been nurtured and fed
with our roots sinking deep into the ground.
**All: In this community, we have been shown grace
and fruit has grown in abundant varieties.**

continued-->

One: Here, we have been empowered
to do good work in the world.

**All: Here, we have learned to love,
by extending fellowship to one another.**

One: Let us continue to walk in God's holy path.

All: Let us continue to walk together.

Inspired by "25th Church Anniversary by Peace Mennonite Church, Richmond, BC

Gathering Prayer: *(Spoken by All)*

O Holy One, as we move through our days,
may we know that we are not alone.
You are with us and we feel your presence
through the people who walk beside us.
May we be good travelling companions for others,
ready to laugh, cry, listen, speak, care for, and be cared for.
This is how we walk your sacred path. Amen.

By Ali Smith, 2017

****Opening Hymn:** #28 MV God of the Bible

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Patricia Powell

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *Walking in God's Ways*
Psalm 119:1-8 *Happy are those whose Way is Blameless*

One: This is the Word of God to guide us on our journey.

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: The Earth, O Lord, Belongs to Thee C.E. Custer

Message: "Walking on God's Path"

****Hymn of Reflection:** #649 VU Walk with Me

Responding

Minute for Mission

Jean Fisher

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** *(Sung Together)*

#191 MV

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.

****Prayer After Giving**

*Communion will be served to you at your seat. Please pass the tray to
the person beyond you who will hold the tray for you, then pass the
tray on. Please indicate if you would prefer gluten-free bread.*

Communion Hymn: #194 MV Bread of Life

Communion Invitation

By T. Mark Dove

Communion Liturgy

One: God, you are with us.

All: You are always with us.

One: May we open our hearts.

All: May we know your presence.

One: In thanksgiving,

All: and with praise.

One: Therefore, with people of every nation, tribe and
language, with the whole Church throughout the ages,
we bring ourselves: all that we are,
and all that we are not, joyfully giving thanks.

All: Holy, holy, holy is this moment

that we share with God and one another.

-4-

Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

World Day of Prayer Bible Study Monday, February 13 at 10 am

Movie Night Water Friday Feb 17th, at 7:00 pm

FHUC Annual Meeting February 19th following worship, potluck
finger foods

UCW Tuesday, February 21 at 10:30 am
at the home of Doreen Kissick

Bible Study Theme: Last Supper Tues, Feb 21 7 pm Church Library

Shrove Tuesday Supper Tuesday, February 28

World Day of Prayer Service Friday, March 3 at 7 pm

Quilt Group Wednesdays 1-3 pm Upper Room

Choir Practice Sunday at 11:30-12:30 in the Choir Room

The Fredericton Women's Inter-Church Council is having the World Day of Prayer Bible Study on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 10 am at Forest Hill United Church. Rev. Ali Anningson will lead the Bible Study. The Women of the Philippines have prepared the World Day of prayer event. The theme of this year is "Am I Being Unfair To You?" People of all faith denomination are welcome and please bring a friend.

Movie Night Water is the next film scheduled for Friday February 17th, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Set in 1938 Colonial India, against Mahatma Gandhi's rise to power, the story follows a group of widows forced to live in poverty at a temple in the holy city of Varanasi. (In Hindi with English subtitles) 114 min 2005. Popcorn and tea provided.

FHUC Annual Meeting: Forest Hill United will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 19, following worship. Please bring along finger foods to share for lunch as we will eat while we meet. All are encouraged to attend. The agenda for this year's Annual Meeting will include releasing one of our Trustees and voting on a revised governance document. Details about the latter will be provided in a presentation both on the Sunday before and at the Annual Meeting.

Forest Hill UCW will meet on Tuesday, Feb 21, at 10:30 am at the home of Doreen Kissick, 792 Burden Street. We will be making plans for the upcoming World Day of Prayer to be held at Forest Hill on March 3. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us.

We are looking for individuals to be trained to use our projector equipment. If you are interested or want to know more, please contact our resident techie Brian Cassidy at bpc@unb.ca or 472-6768. Equipment operators are needed for Sunday services but also for special events and meetings. The setting up of equipment for any movie night is a good training opportunity. We use most all equipment for that except the keyboard. Those interested are asked to be at the church at 6:30 on movie night. Our next one is Friday, February 17.

Registration for **Youth Forum and Intermediates at Conference** is now online! Deadline to register is March 31st. Woolastook Presbytery & Forest Hill United generously offer funding to participants. To register for YF: <http://marconf.ca/youth-forum-registration/> To register for IAC: <http://marconf.ca/intermediates-conference-registration/>

World Day of Prayer Service: This year's worship service will be held here at Forest Hill United. Please come out and support this event. The materials have been prepared by the women of the Philippines and the theme is "Am I Being Unfair to You?" Fellowship to follow.

Storm Policy Reminder: In the event of a serious storm on a Sunday morning, a decision will be made by 8 am whether to cancel. If a service is cancelled, a message will be placed on the church answering machine, sent out via email, and passed on to CBC radio.