

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



Palm Sunday – April 5, 2020 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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

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.

Gathering

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Extinguishing Lenten Candle

**Introit:

108 VU 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 till Easter Day.**

Welcome

Call to Worship:

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing.
It is marvellous in our eyes.
Bind the festival procession with branches.
Jesus is the gate of the Lord.
The righteous enter through him.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

Blessed one, we are humbled by your example. You went to Jerusalem in lowly estate, riding on a donkey. You emptied yourself and came as a servant to all, forsaking the power of command. Son of David, come to us now and be our king, that we too may sing our hosannas! Amen.

****Opening Hymn: This Is the Day That The Lord Has Made VU 175**

Refrain

This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

Christ has conquered death at last,
left the tomb that held him fast!
Gone the sorrow, gone the night,
dawns the morning clear and bright!

Jesus lives who once was dead,
Lives forever, as he said!
Risen now our Saviour, King;
songs of gladness let us sing!

Story Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught

****Song of Praise: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU 123**

Hosanna, loud hosanna the happy children sang,
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang,
to Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm-branch waving, and singing clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
content that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; earth, let your anthems ring.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his humble presence eternally rejoice!

Prayer of Confession

Promise of Assurance

Minutes for Mission

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Psalm 31
Matthew 21:1-17

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

Reflection:

Special Music: Said Judas to Mary VU 129

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:**

****Prayer After Giving:**

Prayers of Our Community:

VU 400

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings
of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west
shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me, and your mercy will
last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name put the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware
for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread,
ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

Through the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of
your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws
near, and the world is about to turn.

**Choral Amen:

**May the road rise to meet you;
May the wind be always at your back;
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
May the rain fall soft upon your fields;
And until we meet again;
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.**

Postlude

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