

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



9th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 7, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

## 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: We enter God's house  
knowing that in Worship,

**All: we will receive that sense of peace  
which opens us  
to praise and pray and learn.**

One: We gather in Worship  
so that we in our turn

**All: are enabled to give of ourselves  
as God has asked us to.  
Let us worship together.**

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**O God, we gather here among our friends, we bring ourselves,  
more open to you than we are to each other, or even to ourselves.  
Help us to let go of the concerns of our daily lives, even for this  
short time. Help us open our hearts to you, the ever-loving God as  
we gather here for worship and renewal.  
Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Let There Be Light

VU 679

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Paraphrased by Sarah Dylan Breuer

**Loving Creator**

**we honour you, and we honour all that you have made.**

**Renew in 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.**

Intergenerational Time: Legend of the Eagle Feather

Hymn of Praise: On Eagles Wings

VU 808

Prayer of Confession:

One: We come here today where we feel safe to unburden  
ourselves to you, O loving God.

**All: We come, with thoughts and prayers in our minds,  
and a need to feel your presence.**

One: We come, and acknowledge that we need to look  
inward before we can look outward,  
to acknowledge our needs before we can see the needs  
of others.

**All: We come to seek your help in being open with you.**

One: We come in need of your Grace as we seek you in  
silence.

*(a time of silent prayer)*

Words of Assurance:

