

 Forest Hill United Church
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'
 5th Sunday of Creation Time, Thanksgiving
 18th Sunday after Pentecost
 October 9, 2022 10 a.m.
 

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

** Please rise in spirit or in body as you are able

Prelude: O Beautiful Gaia MV 41

Welcome, Announcements & Acknowledgement:

Land Acknowledgement

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.

Lighting of Christ Candle

**Introit: MV 1

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
 A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
 Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
 here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
 All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

**Call to Worship:

One: Come, beloved of God, and pause in the place of liminal longing.

Many: We come betwixt and between, pulled in many directions.

One: Trust that the Holy One is already forming a new creation in you.

Many: We come trusting God's mercy to center and change us.

One: Indeed, the Holy One calls you by name for deeds of mercy.

Many: May God's ancient action be a present presence as we gather.

Worship Ways

Passing the Peace (without touching)

**Opening Hymn: Come, You Thankful People, Come VU 516

**Gathering Prayer: (All)

Holy Love, take our weary waiting and form in us a readiness for renewal. Shape our hearts for healing, our minds for mending, and our souls for sharing. Let no weight of the moment prevent our remembering of your long reach of faithfulness cast over the whole creation. Still us enough to again discover You in our praying, that we may be formed by Your love. Change us on the inside so that our outer lives more clearly reflect Your will and way of mercy into the world. Amen

Worship Ways

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

**Our Father/Mother who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us.
**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise: We Praise You for the Sun VU 225
Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

(cupping the sides of our mouths with both hands)

Gracious God, we offer up to you the words we've said in anger or when feeling spiteful or hurt, and lies we've told that we thought didn't matter or that we could "get away with."

(hands on our heads)

Holy God, we offer up to you thoughts we've had that "cut down" others or show a lack of respect for ourselves.

(hands over our hearts)

Merciful God, we offer up to you the times our hearts were bitter and we refused to forgive, or when we were sad and refused to be comforted, or when we were hardened to others and didn't share love.

(hands open, upward, chest height)

Loving God, we offer up to you the times we used our hands to do things that brought harm to others, to the earth or to ourselves, the times we were not kind.

(lifting open hands overhead)

We take these sins of our mouths and our minds, our hearts and our hands, and release them to the heart of God.

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Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:
Jeremiah 29:4-7
Living Psalm 66
Luke 17:11-19

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

**Hymn of Reflection: For the Fruit of All Creation VU 227

Reflection:

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts

Sung Response: What Can I Do? MV 191

**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.**

Blessing the Gifts: (together)

Holy One, you have shown us again and again what your heart is like – merciful and abounding in steadfast love. Form that same spirit in us that our lives may become continual prayers of thanksgiving. Let no cry of your creation go unheard. Form us as agents of practical praise, molding us with mercy for a world crying out for healing. May it be so.
(Worship Ways)

Prayers of Our Community:

Sung Response: Lord Listen to Your Children 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!**

**Closing Hymn: We Plough the Fields VU 520

Commissioning and Sharing the Light:

**Choral Amen: Sent Out in Jesus Name MV 212

**Sent out in Jesus' name,
our hands are ready now
to make the world the place
in which the kingdom comes. (2x)**

Postlude:

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