

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



Lent 5 – March 29, 2020 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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.

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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:

One: When our lives become a valley of dry bones,

**All: God clothes us with flesh
and hearts that beat with love.**

One: When our souls seen withered away,

**All: God breathes this new life into us once more
That we might live.**

One: Come! Let us worship.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**God of promise and hope,
we come to you feeling dried up,
like a valley filled with dry bones.**

**Share your visions of new life with us,
that we might have hope for the future.**

**Bring us up from the grave,
that we might live as people of promise.**

**Put your spirit within us,
that we might have everlasting life. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New MV 115

Story Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught

**Song of Praise: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky VU 509

Prayer of Confession

Promise of Assurance

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Romans 8:6-11
Psalm 130
John 11:1-45

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

Reflection:

Special Music: We Shall Overcome

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

**Offering Verse:

**Prayer After Giving:

Prayers of Our Community:

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!

VU 400

**Closing Hymn: Spirit, Open My Heart

MV 79

**Sharing the Light

**Commissioning and Benediction:

**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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