

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



Indigenous Day of Prayer
June 19, 2022 10 a.m.



Gathering

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement and Declaration of a Safe Place (see p.4)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker (v. 1) MV 30

**It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the grey whale sings in the sea,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker, too.**

Call to Worship:

In the presence of Creator, we gather:

**People carrying burdens we may not know about
looking for comfort; folks needing their spirits refreshed.**

We draw together hoping for that touch that will enliven us,
longing to be embraced in arms of love and understanding.

**Help us to put aside our differences
and see the earth as you see it, boundary-free.**

You call us all: babies, toddlers on unsteady feet,
school-age children with curious minds,
teens with questing spirits, full of youthful confidence one moment
and like frightened children the next.

**We are called, as adults trying to take good paths
watching out for the next generations, and
those easing into their winter years passing on our teachings.**

We are all kin in this meeting place whether we gather in person or through technology, our spirits joining to say meegwetch for all that we have been blessed with.

Thanks be to God for the goodness in our lives. Amen.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

All-encompassing God, you who called creation out of chaos. You breathed the sacred word Ruah (breath, Spirit) and life came into being. Your magnificence is a Holy Mystery that we are too human to be able to comprehend. We give thanks for that which is beyond our comprehension. It allows us to dream and imagine. We give all praise and glory to you, Most Holy, for holding us in all the seasons of our days, to love, and to cherish, in this life, and in everlasting life. We are in awe of our covenanted love and journey with you. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Let Us Build a House MV 1

Intergenerational time

Prayer that Jesus Taught: see insert (Parker J. Palmer)

Hymn Creator God You Gave Us Life MV 27

Exploring

Galatians 3:23-29

Psalm 106 (paraphrase v. 1-5)

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn of Praise: O Beautiful Gaia MV 41

Reflection: All My Relations, written by Rev. Nancy Best

Special Music: "We Must Learn to Walk Together" by Rev. Dr. Lisa Waites

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Sung Response: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker (v.2) MV 30

**It's a call of life to the Giver
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
When high tides break on the shore,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker, too.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Sung Response: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker (v.3) MV 30

**It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker, too.**

Closing Hymn: Called by Earth and Sky MV 135

Benediction

Choral Ending: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker (v.4) MV 30

**It's the chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings,
And by the Spirit you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker, too.**

Postlude

Land Acknowledgment

We begin this time of worship by acknowledging that we are meeting on the land of the Wolastoqiyik (wool-las-two-wi-ig) people. We thank all the generations of Indigenous people who have taken care of this land and been its stewards for thousands of years. We also recognize the contributions Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening this region, the provinces, and Canada as a whole.

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.

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