

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



4th Sunday of Easter  
April 30, 2023 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

## Gathering

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

Prelude: I Have Called You by Your Name MV 161

Welcome, Announcements & Acknowledgement:

Welcome to our visitors from the Prince William Pastoral Charge

### 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 the Christ Candle

Introit: Halle, Halle, Halle VU 958

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

### Call to Worship:

One: You come with questions and doubts.  
**All: We are welcome here.**

One: You come with concerns and anxieties.

**All: We are welcome here.**

One: You come as part of searching faith communities

**All: We are welcome here.**

One: You come believing that God's peace will be your peace.

**All: We are welcome here.**

### Let us worship.

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Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Comforting God, we come here this morning to worship. Some of us may be feeling a little uneasy, visitors to this place. Some of us feel at ease, comfortable in familiar surroundings. But deep down, we all know that we are gathered here with the one intent to worship together. May we come into your presence with open minds and hearts. Amen**

Opening Hymn: Let Us Build a House MV 1vs 1,2,4,5

Intergenerational Time: The Law of Lego

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Adaptation by Jim Cotter VU 916

Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be.  
Father and Mother of us all,  
loving God, in whom is heaven:  
the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope  
and come on earth!  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
Now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: As a Fire Is Meant for Burning VU 578  
*Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse*

Prayer of Self Reflection:

One: Grace giving God, be with us as we open our hearts to you.

**All: Hear our prayers, O God.**

One: We identify with the church home in which we find comfort.

**All: Hear our prayers, O God.**

One: We cling to those things to which we are accustomed and are uncertain of how we will fit into new situations.

**All: Hear our prayers, O God.**

One: We know change is inevitable and our reluctance to change can hide the positives.

**All: Hear our prayers, O God.**

One: As we embrace the changes before us, be with us and hear the thoughts of our hearts as we bring them to you in silence.

*-silent reflection-*

Words of Assurance:

One: God has assured us as Easter people that we are loved and supported throughout our individual and collective struggles with inevitable change.

**All: God hears our prayers!**

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

John 10:1-10

Act 2: 42-47

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

Hymn of Reflection: It Only Takes a Spark VU 289

Reflection: Being an Easter People in an Easter Church

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.**

Prayers of our Community:

Sung Response: My Peace, My Peace by Arlo Guthrie

**My peace, my peace is all I've got that I can give to you.**

**My peace is all I've ever had, it's all I ever knew.**

**I give my peace to red and white, to green and black and blue.**

**My peace, my peace is all I've got that I can give to you.**

Closing Hymn: For the Healing of the Nations VU 678

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Amen: God Says MV 172 vs 4

**God says, "Reach out! The world's in need**

**And wants a word, a song, a deed.**

**I send you forth to speak, to sing,**

**To act for Christ in everything."**

Postlude: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me VU 635

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