

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



24th Sunday after Pentecost, November 7, 2021 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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Land Acknowledgment

At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqey land.

Declaration of a Safe Space

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.

## Gathering

Prelude: As the Deer VU 766

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: MV 156

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

Welcome and Announcements

Centring Prayer:

Call to Worship:

Come to this sacred place  
**that we create together with the Spirit.**  
Come to this holy place  
**that has welcomed generations before us and will welcome  
generations after us.**  
Come to this sanctuary  
**that is a safe space for all, filled with people who care for  
one another.**  
Come to this moment in time  
**with praise, with love, and with hope!**

Éric Hébert-Daly, Responsable des ministères en français, L'Église Unie du Canada  
Gathering, Pentecost 2 2021, page 31. Used with permission.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Draw close, God, until we can hear your call.  
Show us that you are near and that you notice us.  
Open our hearts so we experience all creation praising  
you.  
Open our spirits till we recognize you in Jesus, caring,  
sharing, and blessing.  
Remind us, as we settle into this time of prayer, that it is  
we who need to draw close to you because you are already  
close to us. Amen.**

Wendy MacLean, Christ U.C., Lyn, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2021, page 33.  
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Opening Hymn: Seek Ye First VU 356

Story Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: see insert

Hymn of Praise: Each Blade of Grass MV 37

*Participants leave for Sunday School after first verse.*

### Prayer of Confession:

During this time of physical isolation, as many of us stay at home most of the time, we sometimes wonder if we have been left alone by God.

Although we cannot reach out to touch Jesus, the risen Christ reaches out to us each moment and in every breath.

Although we cannot sit down across the table from Jesus to learn love, the risen Christ teaches us through the ordinariness of daily life, inspiring our walk of faith with Spirit breath.

Grace is poured out upon us and for us as a gift. That gift of grace is ours always because God's love is unconditional, ever-present, and everlasting.

Bathed in that love, we are made whole, we are healed, and we are made new.

As we accept and embrace God's gift of grace, as we trust in the one who loves us always and transforms us daily, we open our vulnerable heart to the loving heart of God in silent prayer:

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In silence now we pray...

### Promise of Assurance:

Bathed in that love, we are made whole, we are healed, and we are made new.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Gord Dunbar, Kincardine P.C., Kincardine, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2021, page 39. Used with permission..

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Ruth 3:1-5 4:13-17

Psalm 127 VU 851

Mark 12:38-44

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection:

Special Music: Hymn #43" by Rodney Crowell arr. Libby Cassidy

## Responding

Minutes for Mission: A Step Toward Peace

Presentation of our Gifts

Prayers of Our Community:

*(Congregation is invited to name petition for prayer)*

God of Mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Prayer Response: Lord Listen to Your Children Praying 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: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace VU 684

Sharing the Light

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Amen: MV 215

**Peace be with you, peace forever,**

**peace be with you, my friends.**

**Till we meet again, may God be with you.**

**Peace, peace, peace.**

Postlude: We Shall Go Out VU 586