

Forest Hill United Church
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'
June 30 3rd after Pentecost

The purpose of freedom is to create it for others
Nelson Mandela

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.

Gathering

*At the **, please rise or remain seated according to your needs.*

Prelude:

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit: Here I Am, Lord chorus

VU 509

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: Sparks fly, winds blow, sounds surround!
The Spirit is in the air!
All: Amazing things are happening!
God's Spirit has been let loose!
One: Something astounding is about to change the church.
Are you ready?
All: We speak the language of love and harmony.
We receive the message of unity and grace.
We live the way of new beginnings!
One: We worship God.

Laura Turnbull, Penticton U.C., Penticton, B.C. Gathering, PENTECOST 1 2019, page 25.
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Gathering Prayer

(said by all in unison)

For the moments when, alone with the world,
we feel connection with all that is:
We give thanks for the gifts of the Spirit.
For the times when we come together
and feel our hearts blend as one family in worship:
We give thanks for the gifts of the Spirit.
For the strength to reach out and touch those
in need with actions that speak of God's love:
We give thanks for the gifts of the Spirit.
For the courage to proclaim and witness to
the love of God in the world, in deed and in word:
We give thanks for the gifts of the Spirit.
In thanksgiving and with assurance that she is
with us in all places and at all times,
we ask the Spirit to manifest through us in our thoughts, words,
and deeds.
May we be a Pentecost church, at work in an eternally renewing
world. Amen!

Anna Atkinson, Cedar U.C., Nanaimo, B.C. Gathering, PENTECOST 1 2019, page 26.
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**Opening Hymn: Abide with Me

VU 436

Children's Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

The Lord's Prayer from Dominican Sisters Retreat, March 1993, Great Bend, Kansas

One: Our Father
All: Our Mother
One: Who art in heaven
All: Who are in all the earth
One: Hallowed be they name
All: Holy is your truth
One: Thy kingdom come
All: May your wisdom come

One: Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven
 All: Your circle be one uniting heaven and earth
 One: Give us this day our daily bread
 All: Give us today a nurturing spirit
 One: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who
 trespass against us
 All: Heal through us as we ourselves are healed
 One: Lead us not into temptation
 All: Lead us into Fullness of life
 One: But deliver us from evil
 All: And liberate all that is good
 One: For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory
 All: For the Wisdom, Presence
 and the Goodness are Yours
 Now and forever
 Amen.

Prayer of Confession:

Promise of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Diane Robinson

Luke 9:51-62

Psalm 77 VU Page 791 with Refrain

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: Gather Me Words and Music: Pat Mayberry

Reflection:

**Hymn of Reflection: Great Is Thy Faithfulness VU 288

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

**Offering Verse:

Christ Has No Body Now but Yours verse 4 MV 171

Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need:
 As Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,
 with ev'ry gift a benediction, be to the people of God.

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.
 Here on this earth, yours is the work,
 to serve with the joy of compassion.

**Prayer After Giving

Prayers of Our Community (Sung response)

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: Wherever You May Go

MV 216

**Sharing the Light

**Commissioning and Benediction

**Choral Amen: Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow v1 VU 196

Postlude:

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Quilt Group

Wednesdays 1 - 3 p.m. Upper Room

Thank you to all the members of the church who participated in the Community Round Table Discussions. It was a very interesting event with representation from Provincial and Municipal politicians, Ministers, Developers and people from the neighbourhood. Thanks to the scribes and the hosts at the tables. You did an amazing job. Thanks also to those who publicized the event. Rev. Deborah produced upcoming events hand outs and Margie did up a brochure on the church from a utilization standpoint. The taped reporting session is on the church website and the collated reports will soon be ready. Thank you to all. Joe Rideout and Mary Grant.

Anyone who can sew a straight line is invited to the church for a stole sewing day Friday July 5th starting at 10 a.m. Please bring your own sewing machine.

Open house at the Manse on July 13th and a rain date of the 20th, at 4:00 p.m. hosted by Rev. Deborah and John. Please bring your own chair.

Rachel Neville will be taking over the booking of the church effective immediately. Please contact Rachel if you wish to book an event at the church or make changes to any existing bookings. You may contact Rachel at 455-0576 or by email at rhelenrn@gmail.com. Thanks to Rachel for taking on this important task for us.

The Church Management Committee is asking that all keys to the church be returned by the end of June. Those ones for members or staff who need to have a key will be checked off against our Master List and reissued immediately. Please bring your keys to Mary Grant or Diane Robinson. Thank you.

When submitting announcements for the bulletin that aren't for a specific date, please also indicate how long they should appear.

Photos or video may be taken for use on our web site and social media sites. Please advise a board member if you do not want your photo used on-line.

Scripture Readers are needed each week to assist during Worship Services. Please help Patricia Powell (455-8602), who coordinates readers, by indicating on the Reader Chart on the table by the kitchen, which Sundays you would be available to read (✓), if needed, and also when you would not be available (x). New readers are most welcome, and names can be added to the Chart

Community Events

St. Margaret's VBS 775 Forest Hill Road on August 6-9, 9-11:30 a.m. for children ages 5 – 11. To register call Cathy Lutes 459-3265.

Minute for Mission

Summer Is No Vacation from Poverty

Summer can be a wonderful time of year filled with holidays and meals on the patio, but please remember that summer is no vacation for those living in poverty.

Children who rely on hot breakfast and lunch programs through schools are faced with two months of poor nutrition. Families with tight budgets are forced to find money for summer child care, or often take unpaid time off from work to stay home to look after little ones. This leaves precious little left over in terms of money and energy.

Those who live outdoors or are between homes seem less visible in the summer. Because the weather is above freezing, people think that shelter is not needed. We forget about the need for showers, storage, and safety that a home provides. We forget about sunburns, bug bites, and unbearable heat radiating from city sidewalks.

So while we are out and enjoying a great summer, let's take a moment to remember those for whom summer is not a vacation. Together we can make sure summer is fun (or at least bearable) for everyone. We give thanks for places like West Broadway Outreach Ministry in downtown Winnipeg, Manitoba, that provide much-needed support throughout the summer.

Your gifts for Mission & Service make this possible. Thank you!

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.