

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



4th Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Prelude: Shall We Gather at the River VU 710

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Lighting of Christ Candle

Introit: MV 1 vs5

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Call to Worship: *(based on Psalm 23)*

God is our Shepherd, we shall not want.
God leads us to green pastures and living waters.
God restores our souls and teaches us right from wrong.
**Even though we face shadowed days and scary hours—
We will fear no evil, for God is with us.
God's rule and God's guidance comfort us.**
God sets a table for us in the middle of our bad times.
**And God anoints us with joy and comfort and our lives
overflow.**
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us always,
for we will always live in the presence of God.

Whitney Bruno, Gathering Lent/Easter 2022, page 43. Used with permission.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Holy Shepherd, your protection gives us courage, your
sustenance gives us strength, and your vision of peace
gives us hope. Through simple acts of kindness, we know
your presence most deeply. Teach us to know your voice
above all others, calling us to humble servanthood. Amen.**

Prayers for All Seasons, Year C, Woodlake Publishing 2015

Opening Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus VU 626
tune I feel the Winds VU 625)

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Adaptation by Jim Cotter

Hymn of Praise: I've Got Peace Like a River VU 577

Young at heart leave for Sunday School after first verse

A Time of Soul Searching:

God, we confess that we often let hopelessness have too much
power over our lives.

**In the face of crisis, our faith has frequently faltered. In
the midst of calamity, our fearlessness has faded.**

In the presence of tribulation, our worry has weakened our
ability to act justly.

**Help our unbelief, O God! Bring us back to you, Great
Redeemer.**

Remind us of the unfailing treasure that is in your love and
care for all of creation—

**For your grace is sufficient. Embolden us, again, and
revive our spirits.**

(a time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Acts 9:36-43

John 10:22-30

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection:

Special Music: Video Like a Healing Stream MV 144
Red Deer Lake U.C.

Responding

Presentation 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.**

Prayer of Dedication:

**Living God, we dedicate these gifts that have been shared
for the fortification of the beloved community. May these
gifts do justice in the world. May they be a sign of our
belief in the God who saves, heals, and sets free. May these
gifts, and the works of our hands and feet, be a blessing to
all in need. Amen.**

Prayers from our Hearts:

Sung Response: And When You Call for Me MV 96

**And when you call for me,
I have already answered.
And when you call for me,
I am already there.**

Closing Hymn: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me VU 635

Benediction

Choral Amen: Go, Make a Difference MV 209 Refrain

**Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.**

Postlude: Called By Earth and Sky MV 135

*Except where otherwise noted, **Believe God Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday of Easter** were written by Rev. Mia M. McClain, Associate Minister at Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC and a member of the Southern Conference United Church of Christ.*

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 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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