

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



17th after Pentecost Sunday September 27, 2020 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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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

Prelude:

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit:

MV 79

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

Welcome

Centering Prayer

Call to Worship:

People of God, attune your senses to what is around you and discover the glory of God.

We notice God everywhere we turn: in the sky, in the world around us, and in the people we meet.

People of God, praise God for goodness toward all things and all people.

Every day we are aware of the renewed cycle of God caring for us: in the rising of the sun and in the cycles of the moon, stars, and seasons.

People of God, come, together let us praise our God.

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Gathering Prayer: (All)

**God of the mountains and the seas,
of dry land and living waters,
may we always look for you
where your Spirit leads us, in truth.
May we always notice you
where hope does not disappoint us,
because we know that your love
has been poured over all. Amen.**

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****Opening Hymn:** This is the Day

VU 412

Special Music: Thy Will Be Done by Joyce Elaine Eilers

A New Creed

VU 918

Prayer of Confession

Promise of Assurance

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 8 P 732

Matthew 21:33-46

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

All: Thanks be to God

Reflection:

****Instrumental Hymn of Reflection:**

Come and Find the Quiet Centre

VU 374

Responding

Story Time:

Presentation of our Gifts

Prayer that Jesus Taught

Prayers of Our Community:

**Our Father/Mother in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
You, who does not lead us into temptation
but delivers us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

One: In Your mercy

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Lord, listen to your children praying,

VU 400

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace!

****Closing Hymn:** Be Thou My Vision

VU 642 vs 1,3&4

Announcements

**Sharing the Light

**Commissioning and Benediction:

**Choral Amen:

VU 298

**When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.**

Postlude: God Who Gives to Life its Goodness

VU 260