

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



6th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 13, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Prelude: Blessed Assurance VU 337

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: Gather Us In MV 7

**Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.**

Call to Worship:

One: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

**Many: We are each a child of God. No matter who we are, or
where we are on life's journey, we are blessed.**

One: Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

**Many: We come to worship the God who feeds us, who fills us,
and who blesses us.**

One: Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

**All: Let us rejoice in the love of God, and worship our God
together in prayer, song, and praise.**

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**O God of many blessings, be with us in our joy and in our
sorrow.
Help us to reach out with your love to those in need,
that we may not be satisfied until all are fed.
Bless each of us here, and all who cannot be present with us
today.
Shower your blessings on our worship this day. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Amazing Grace VU 266

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: see insert (Parker J. Palmer)

Hymn of Praise: Rejoice, the Lord is King VU 213

Young at heart leave for Church School after first verse.

A Time of Soul Searching:

**Oh, Holy One, We try to care for each other,
especially when there is pain and sorrow, and when we witness
injustice.**

But we cannot find blessing in poverty and hunger.

**Sometimes it feels just too hard to offer relief or to work for
change.**

**We prefer to stay in our comfortable spaces or choose to walk
past those in need. Sometimes we are afraid.**

**Forgive us when we serve ourselves more than we serve you, O
God.**

We come to you with humble hearts.

-silent reflection-

Words of Assurance:

Exploring

In the reading of scripture may God's Word be heard;
In the meditations of our hearts, may God's Word be known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may God's Word be shown.

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

Luke 6:17-26

VU page 724

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection:

Special Music: YouTube video: "Blest Are They" by David Haas,
performed by U. of Notre Dame Folk Choir

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Sung Response: Spirit Open My Heart (refrain only) 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.**

Prayers of Dedication (All):

**Gracious and loving God, who blesses us with so many good gifts,
we bring these offerings with the hope of turning tears to
laughter,
and sorrow to joy. May they truly be a blessing. Amen.**

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: I Am a Child of God - MV 157

Benediction

Choral Ending: Peace Be With You 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: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me - VU 635

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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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