

Forest Hill United Church

An Affirming Congregation



Third Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2017 at 10 am

**"Pursue some path, however narrow and crooked,
in which you can walk with love and reverence."**

Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)
American Philosopher

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.
Our worship leaders are **Rev. Ali Anningson**
and our music director is **Alex Good**,
who leads us with the assistance of the **FHUC Choir**.
Our greeters this morning are **Lorna McKnight** and **Joe Rideout**,
our hospitality host is **Jennifer Abbott**,
and our tellers are **Jennifer Abbott** and **Mary-Anne Blakney**.

Forest Hill United Church is a safe place for all
people to gather regardless of race, creed, age,
cultural background, family status, sexual
orientation, and gender identity. All are welcome

here!

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Gathering Together

At the **, please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude:

Welcoming the Light

****Introit: (Sung Together)**

#59 MV, v.1

Alleluia, praise to God. Alleluia, praise to God.
Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God.
Alleluia, praise to God.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: Um, excuse me.
All: **Yes?**
One: Would it be all right if I--
no, never mind?
All: **Would it be all right...**
One: if I talked with you about something important to me?
All: **Sure!**
One: You'll listen, right?
You won't laugh at me?
You won't think that I'm silly
or that I don't know what I'm talking about?
All: **We won't think you're silly.**
We won't laugh.
We'll listen.
What's it about?
One: It's about...God.
All: **God?**
One: God.

I've got questions and doubts, and hopes and fears.
I don't always know what it's all about,
but I need *someone* who'll listen.
Will you?

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All: In this community, we are friends in the Spirit.
In this community, we are people on the Way.
In this community, we explore with one another.
In this community, we listen, we love, we encourage.
One: And in all of these things,
All: we connect with God.

Opening Prayer: *(Spoken Together)*

There are times, O God,
when we wish you had a face we could see,
when we wish you had hands we could touch,
when we wish you had a body we could embrace.
May we be reminded today that we *do* see you,
touch you, and feel you,
in every face, hand, and embrace we share,
in this place and time
and in all places and times. Amen.

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer by Richard Bott (edited) in *Gathering L/E 2017*

****Opening Hymn:** #187 VU The Spring Has Come

Exploring Together

First Reading: John 20:19-29 *Jesus Appears in the House*

Story Time

****Song of Praise:** #245 VU Praise the Lord with the Sound

*After the hymn, children, youth and teachers
will leave for Sunday School.*

Words from Our Bible:

May Houston

Psalms 122 (with Refrain) Page 845 VU

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Luke 24:13-35 *Jesus Appears on the Road*

One: This is the Word of Hope – the Word for All.

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: Con Te Partirò by Sartori/Quarantotto

Message: “See You on the Road!”

****Hymn of Reflection:** #182 VU Stay with Us Through the Night

Going Forth Together

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** *(Sung Together)* #226 VU, v. 4 (edited)

**For each perfect gift sublime
to our world so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven.
God of all, up high we raise,
this our act of grateful praise.**

****Prayer After Giving**

Prayer of Our Community

The Prayer That Jesus Taught *(Spoken Together)*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
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Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.
Paraphrase by Jim Cotter, 1988

****Closing Hymn:** #153 MV Deep in Our Hearts

****Sharing the Light**

PRESENTATION

****Blessing**

****Choral Response:** *(Sung Together)* #216 MV

**Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

Postlude: Choral Farewell

Please join us for coffee and conversation directly following the service.

We at FHUC have enjoyed 6 1/2 years of wonderful leadership from Ali. Her gifts of joy and curiosity, her creativity with words and symbols, her planning and vision, compassion and understanding have made us all richer in our spiritual and personal lives. Our love and prayers go with her as she starts a new chapter in her life.

As sad as we are to see Ali go, we extend a welcome to Rev Bob Jones who will be looking after our spiritual and pastoral needs until the end of August. He will be in the office Monday mornings and can be reached at (506) 476-8020 [home] (506) 451-8165 [cell]

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

FHUC Book Club	May 2 nd at Noon the book is 1984 by George Orwell
Roast Beef Supper	Saturday, 13 May 4-6 p.m.
Quilt Group	Wednesdays 1-3 pm Upper Room
Choir Practice	Sunday at 11:30-12:30 in the Choir Room

On behalf of the Sgoollai Israel Synagogue and the Capital Community Church, it is our pleasure to extend an invitation to you to attend the annual Holocaust Remembrance. The service will be held this year on Sunday April 30, at 3:00 pm at the Capital Community Church, 71 Downing St. This year's keynote speaker is Gershon Willinger, a child survivor. Following the service, a reception will be held.

The Annual General Meeting of the Fredericton Council for Christian Ministry on Campus will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2017 from 2:00

to 4:00 pm in the 3rd floor Board room at Brunswick St. Baptist Church (elevator available). The business meeting will include highlights from the past year and a discussion of plans for the future. This meeting is open to all who are interested in Christian Ministry on our local campuses.

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Roast Beef Supper: Volunteers are needed to assist with the congregational Roast Beef Supper and Bake Sale on Saturday, 13 May. See the sign-up sheets available after service or speak with John Neville (johnnjniv@gmail.com, 455-0576).

The Church Supper is being held May 13th. We will start advertising next week. Please take some posters from the back counter to put up in places you frequent.

A Roast Beef Supper and Bake Sale at Forest Hill United Church from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 13 May. Prices for the meal are \$13.00 for adults, \$6.00 for those of ages 6 – 12, and those 5 and under, are free. Celiac meals and take-outs will be available. The meal area is wheelchair accessible.

Potential Scripture Readers - During April, May Houston (455-7715) has taken on the task of arranging for lay readers to assist at Worship Services. Please help her by indicating on the Reader Chart which Sunday's in April (and beyond) you would be available if needed and also when you would not be available.

HIKE FOR HOSPICE: The Hike will take place on 7th May this year. Last year Forest Hill formed a team to take part and if there is any interest in doing so again this year please speak to Jennifer Abbott to get sponsor sheets, or call 454-2829.

Community Events

When Love Hurts: Understanding & Healing Domestic Abuse
Grace Memorial Baptist Church will offer a 4 week support group to help those who are caught in the painful cycle of abuse. The video and discussion series will be held from 7-9 PM on Tuesdays, April 25-May 16. For more information or to register please call the church office 458-8527.

Oromocto United Church Spring Turkey Supper May 6th from 4--6.00 PM Adults \$14.00 Children under 12-- \$6.00 Preschoolers -- Free
Everyone welcome

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New Maryland United Church (875 Rte 101 Hwy) is hosting a "Yard Sale and Bake Table" on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8 am to 12:00 noon. Rain or shine. Coffee, tea, muffins Contributions from many families!

Fashion Show, May 6 - Nashwaaksis United Church Hall You don't want to miss this! A show featuring lovely fashions from Alia-n-Tanjay in the Regent Mall will take place from 11am-1pm at the Nashwaaksis United Church Hall on Saturday, May 6. The admission includes a salad plate, dessert and tea/coffee. Tickets (\$10) are available from Janice Anderson, 444-8002, the Church office, 458-9452, or at the door.

UCW Bridge Luncheon Book your table now for our upcoming Bridge Luncheon. **Thursday, May 11th, at 12 noon.** At the Nashwaaksis United Church gym. Tables are \$40.00. Contact Connie – 472-4744

TAKE-OUT Chicken BBQ – Friday, May 12, 4:00-6:00 - Nashwaaksis United Church

We invite you to start your week-end with a delicious BBQ boneless chicken breast, potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw, roll and a tart. Cost is \$10. Please reserve your take-out order by Thursday, May 11 at 6:00 pm by calling Rindy or Tom at 450-7151. Some will also be available at the door.

"The AMUsing Comedy & Music Tour" will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church on Sunday, May 21 at 7:00 PM. This is a program for the whole family to enjoy. Tickets \$10 in advance from the church office; \$15 at the door, or online at

Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!

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Minute for Missions / Camp Caterpillar

Our gifts for Mission & Service support safe spaces for children. Let us hear the story of one such place, Camp Caterpillar on Candle Lake, Saskatchewan. Fran Forsberg shares her experience.

“Being a mom of three gender-variant children I was afraid to give my children the experience of camp. I was afraid that my children would be singled out as weird, bullied by staff and other children for the simple fact that they do not fit into the gender norm.

“I asked around, and after being refused twice, I was told by the Rev. David Kim-Cragg about Camp Tapawingo. A member of the board took my request to the board the following week. One week later not only did I get a resounding YES, I also received the news that Alison Starks (A.J.), a Director for Camp FYrefly, had agreed to run the camp.

“I met with A.J. Both of us were very excited at the prospect of this camp for children ages 7–13 who happen to be transgender and extended the invitation to their siblings as well. Twenty-two children, transgender, two-spirit, and cis-gender, arrived at Camp Caterpillar.

“They formed friendships. They were assured that they were safe, accepted, and valued for their authentic selves. These young humans continue to support each other through e-mails and texts.

“I speak for all the parents; we are thankful for A.J. and her staff, who are LGBTQ+. I read one comment from a boy who is 11 and trans: ‘I had the best time of my life at camp!’”

We sing thanksgiving for LGBTQ+ camps like Camp Caterpillar!

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our