Forest Hill United Church

An Affirming Congregation

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'

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Summer Worship
July 16, 2017 at 10 am

Welcome to worship! It is good that you are here. We are very pleased to welcome **Bob Jones** as our worship leader today. May you find the time spent here challenging for your mind, quieting for your body, and refreshing for your spirit. After our service, we invite you to join us for cold refreshments and a time of fellowship.

While there is no Sunday School for the summer months,
children are most welcome to join us for the service.
Quiet activities are available for busy hands.

Our greeters this morning are **Graham Powell** and **Patricia Powell**,
our teller is **Joan Mitchell,**
our hospitality hosts are **Graham Powell** and **Patricia Powell**,
and our music is led by **Alex Good** and the **FHUC Choir**.

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!

Gathering

At the **, you are asked to rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude

Lighting the Candle

****Introit:** ***(Sung Together)*** #156 MV

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship*:* ***(Leader)***

Gathering Prayer: ***(Spoken Together)***

God, you are blest forever. Yours is the greatness and the might and the glory and the victory and the majesty; for you are exalted as head above all – and so we adore you now and always.
Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** We are Pilgrims #595 VU

Listening

Readings from Our Bible: **May Houston**

Psalm 119 : 105 - 112 P 841 VU

11 Chronicles 7 : 11 – 14

Luke 15 : 1 - 7

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

****Song of Praise:** We Will Take What You Offer #196 MV

Message: The Battles of Life 2 - Sin

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** ***(Sung Together)*** #33 MV

Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
hallelujah forever more!

Prayer over the Gifts ***(Leader)***

Prayers of the People ***(Spoken Together)***

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen

Lord's Prayer from #914 VU

****Closing Hymn:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #333 VU

****Blessing**

****Choral Response:** ***(Sung Together 2 Times)*** #958 VU

Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude:

Please submit your **announcements** to Kris for the Sunday bulletin by Noon on Thursday of each week to ensure that they are printed.

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Church News

Summer Bag Lunch Program Wednesday saw the start of the Summer Bag Lunch program. 2 coolers were delivered by Tim Thornton of Sodexo at about 9:20. Rather than bagged lunches, there were supplies of juice, bagged sandwiches, carrots, cookies, mustard, and napkins. Sodexo employees are volunteering their time to make up the 100+ lunches that are delivered daily to the MCA, Transition Houses and other venues, as well as the 20 lunches delivered Monday, Wednesday and Friday to FHUC. By 10am I had rounded up lunch bags and baggies for the carrots and had all the lunches bagged and in the fridge. If you are able to assist with this program, help is needed from 9-noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during July and August. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church, or phone Mary at 459-8525. If you are able to contribute paper lunch bags or snack ziploc's, please contact Mary to see if they are needed.

First United Church, Truro, NS, has been selected to compete for prize money in the National Trust for Canada's "This Place Matters" competition. Please go to www.thisplacematters.ca and then go to Windows into the Future and click to help them win $40,000 to $60,000 towards replacing their church windows. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the bathrooms.

Soccer Assistance. The teenager from the Syrian family we are sponsoring is interested in playing soccer this summer. He has been registered already, but we are looking for assistance with both the financial costs (aprox. $300 for registration fees and equipment). He has practices/games from 7:30 to 9:00 every Monday and Wednesday until the middle of August at the Scotiabank North field (next to Willie O'Ree Place). We now have drivers to cover most of the transportation. However, we are looking for people to drive Aug 2, 9 and 16 (Wed 7:30 - 9 pm) and for relief drivers for Monday evenings if the regular driver cannot make it. Please contact Margie Roxborough (455-0576) for August and Annemarie Manson if you can help with relief driving. Thank you so much for your support.

Vacation Bible School 2017 "MAKER FUN FACTORY – created by God, built for a purpose" St. Paul's, Forest Hill and Wilmot United Churches will once again be joining together for our VBS program. WHEN: August 21-25 from 9:00 – 11:30 WHERE: Wilmot United Church AGES: age 4 and up. **** We will discover a world where curious children and youth become hands-on inventors and discover they're lovingly created by God. Great music, great stories, great crafts – great fun! We will use our hearts, minds and imagination to participate in the creative life of God remembering that God is with us wherever we go… so… mark your calendars.
If you could help one morning and enjoy the fun, or help prepare snacks or activity projects, please contact Annemarie (472-5270 or pmanson@nbnet.nb.ca)

Ushers/Greeters needed: Please check your schedule to see if you are available for one or more Sundays to help out with set up and greeting our congregation on Sunday mornings. Signup sheet is on the back table. If you have any questions please feel free to ask me. Many thanks. Lorna McKnight

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, 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 could be added to the Chart.

Community Events

SUMMER HYMN SINGS - Join us in the sanctuary of Brunswick Street Baptist Church on Wednesdays July 26 and August 16 at 7 pm for an hour of singing your favourite hymns! In July our organist will be David Berry and in August, David and Leah Steeves will accompany on the organ and piano. Come sing praise to the Lord! Ice cream sandwiches to follow! All welcome!

Minute for Missions
A Home at Last

Our gifts for Mission & Service support people on the margins. Let us hear a story of the impact Wesley Urban Ministries makes daily in changing lives.
Roger finally has a home after many years of struggling with addiction and mental health issues. He lives in a one-bedroom apartment in Hamilton, Ontario, that is part of the housing project of Wesley Urban Ministries. Roger is a personable, kind, and honest soul who has found a home in a community where he is fully accepted.
The building that houses the apartments and a day program is one of several Wesley sites. The day program has been operating since the 1970s; the housing is a more recent addition. Mission & Service has supported the work of Wesley Urban Ministries for decades, helping the ministry to offer housing, a meal program, and support for refugees from around the world. It has helped more than 1,000 Syrian refugees find a home in Hamilton.
One member of the day program spoke about coming there since the 1970s when guests had to sleep on the floor. He now comes to have a meal and connect with the community.
We sing thanksgiving for Wesley Urban Ministries, which offers welcome and a place to call home.
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 Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!