

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



23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
November 13, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

## Gathering

\*\* Please rise in spirit or in body as you are able

Prelude: God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness VU 260

Welcome, Announcements & Acknowledgement:

### Land Acknowledgement

At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqiyik (wolas-to-qiyik) 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.

### Lighting of Christ Candle

\*\*Introit: MV 1

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

Call to Worship:

Steadfast One, there is no wavering in you.

**We come boldly, yet uncertain and unsure.**

Fountain of truth, you reveal what is true and what is not.

**You help us to see and hear so we'll know which road to travel.**

Eternal Wisdom, your mind and heart are focused on loving us.

**We set our hearts and minds to love ourselves and others, the way that you do. 1**

Passing the Peace (without touching)

\*\*Opening Hymn: Seek ye First The Kingdom of God VU 356

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**God of the universe, we bring to you our wonder. God of answers, we bring to you our questions. God of steadfast love, we bring to you our uncertainty. In this time of worship, may we be open to receive what you have to offer us and find ourselves strengthened by your everlasting presence. Amen. 2**

Learning Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

**Our Father/Mother 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.  
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.**

\*\*Hymn of Praise: Grateful MV 182  
*Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse*

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

Gracious and loving God, Creator and redeemer and giver of all good things, we come before you as we are.

**We acknowledge that sometimes we find it hard to feel thankful. Sometimes pain or regret or fear or sadness or anger or anxiety seem to fill our hearts and leave no room for gratitude.**

So, we come before you today asking for the gift of a grateful heart, for the ability to be cheerful givers, and for the comprehension of you blessing to fill our hearts.

**May we approach each moment of the day, each encounter with another, each opportunity that comes our way, with a spirit of love, peace, and joy, knowing that you have looked into our hearts, claimed us with your love, and called us as your own. Amen.** <sup>2</sup>

*(a time of silent prayer)*

Words of Assurance:

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Isaiah 65:17–25

Isaiah 12 VU 880

Luke 21:5–19

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

**\*\*Hymn of Reflection: My Soul Cries Out** MV 120  
(Canticle of the Turning)

Reflection: Is Apocalypse Really the End?

Special Music: El Condor Pasa

## Responding

Presentation and Dedication 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.**

Blessing the Gifts: (together)

**Divine One, receive our gifts in the love with which we give them. Thank you for blessing us with gifts to share, so the needs of your people can be met. May what we give be used to facilitate wholeness for all. Amen.** <sup>1</sup>

Prayers of Our Community:

Sung Response: Lord Listen to Your Children VU 400

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

**\*\*Closing Hymn: I See A New Heaven** VU 713

Commissioning and Sharing the Light:

**\*\*Choral Amen: Sent Out in Jesus Name** MV 212

**Sent out in Jesus' name,  
our hands are ready now  
to make the world the place  
in which the kingdom comes. (2x)**

Postlude: video: Look for the Good by Jacob Mraz

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