

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



Pentecost Sunday
May 28, 2023 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: Come, O Holy Spirit MV 23

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 the Christ Candle

**Introit: Spirit Open My Heart refrain MV79
**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.**

Call to Worship:

One: Come, Holy Spirit come.
All: Come, Holy Spirit come.
One: We are here today because you are in this place.
All: We come here today because you are in and around us.

One: It is important for us to gather and renew the Spirit within us.

All: Come, Holy Spirit come.

One: We come to worship in your presence.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**O God of creation,
whose spirit stilled the waters of chaos,
whose breath filled humankind with life,
we praise you.
O God of inspiration,
whose spirit anointed kings and priests,
whose power emboldened the prophets of old,
we praise you.
O God of Jesus Christ,
whose spirit descended dove-like on the man of Galilee,
whose glory shone in words of wisdom and deeds of love,
we praise you.
O God of Pentecost,
whose spirit came to the faithful waiting at Jerusalem,
whose gifts empowered the church for service and witness,
we praise you.
Blessed are you, O God, forever.**

Written by John Moses, 2002 in Worship for All Seasons, page 158

**Opening Hymn: Breathe on Me, Breath of God VU 382

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Paraphrased by Sarah Dylan Breuer

Loving Creator we honour you,
and we honour all that you have made.
Renew the whole world in the image of Your love.
Give us what we need for today,
and a hunger to see the whole world fed.
Strengthen us for what lies ahead;
heal us from the hurts of the past;
give us courage to follow your call in this moment.
For your love is the only power,
the only home, the only honour we need,
in this world and in the world to come.
Amen.

****Hymn of Praise:** Dance With the Spirit MV 156
Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Prayer of Self Reflection:

On this festival of Pentecost we confess our failure, God, to live lives open to your Spirit: to love with passion as your Spirit wills; to embrace the future into which your Spirit leads; to accept the power for faithful living your Spirit brings. We confess our fear of facing new challenges and opportunities, of standing alone against popular wisdom and the comments of our neighbours, of being different because we believe.

Forgive us, God, and by your pentecostal power turn us around and set us on your way again.

Written by Peter Scott, Worship For All Seasons II, page 158

-silent reflection-

Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Acts 2: 1-21

1 Corinthians 12: 3-13

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

****Hymn of Reflection:** Spirit of Gentleness VU 375

Reflection: There Came a Great Wind and Tongues of Fire

Special Music: Candle In the Wind by Elton John

Responding

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts

Sung Response: Praise God from Who, All Blessings Flow VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Prayers of our Community:

Sung Response: Take, O Take Me As I Am MV 85

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

****Closing Hymn:** Spirit God, Be Our Breath MV 150

Commissioning and Blessing:

****Choral Amen:** When You Walk from Here VU298

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

Postlude: On Eagle's Wings VU 808

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