

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



3rd Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022 10 a.m.



This weeks bulletin is dedicated in honour of Graham and Patricia's 62nd wedding anniversary and Graham's 87th birthday, both on March 19th.

Their love and commitment to each other has been such an inspiration to all of us.

Unfortunately everyone in the family can't be with them to celebrate these milestones but send their love always.

Hugs and kisses Andrea ,Todd, Ryan, Sonja, Sean, Kelsey, Luke, Jaxon(great grandson) and Kevin

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Prelude: Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Extinguishing the Third Candle of Lent

Adapted from Juanita Austin, The Gathering Lent, Easter 2022 Year C, p. 30

Call to Worship:

One: Come, everyone who thirsts,
Come to the waters. Come to the wells.

**All: Our souls thirst for you, O God.
We lift up our hands and call on your name**

One: Come, without money. Come without cost.
Incline your ears and listen for good news.

**All: Our flesh faints for you, O God.
Our lips sing praises, beholding your glory.**

One: Come, eat good. Come, feast upon true riches.
Be filled with that which sustains you.

**All: Our souls are satisfied in you, O God.
In the shadow of your wings, we sing with joy.**

Introit:

VU 108 Verse 3

**We bear the silence, cross and pain
of human burdens, human strife,
while sisters, brothers help sustain
our courage till the Feast of Life.**

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Author of abundance, God of change, we come into this
hour with holy expectations. As we travel on our journey
of transformation this Lenten season, we know that you
are with us. You walk beside us. Your presence surrounds
us. Help us to bear fruit as we walk this road. Remind us
that you will never leave us nor forsake us. Keep us
forever in the path as we worship you in spirit and in
truth. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU 651

New Creed:

Intergenerational Time: "Letting Go and Cultivating"

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Adaptation by Jim Cotter

Hymn of Praise: Vine and Fig Tree - from Songs for a Gospel People

**And every one 'neath their vine and fig tree
shall live in peace and unafraid.
Nations to ploughshares turn their swords,
and they shall study war no more.**

Young at heart leave for Church School after first verse.

A Time of Soul Searching

**We confess that we have not always brought forth good
fruit.
In the midst of chaos and frenzy, we have often lost our
way.
Our feet have strayed from the place where we met you.
Our egos have kept us from seeing our missteps;
Yet, with you, we know there's another chance for change.**

**There is another opportunity to bear good fruit.
In a world full of spoiled and rotten produce, and systems
designed to kill,
we are called to be the change that sustains generations.
Let us lean with you into this chance for transformation.**

(a time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Isaiah 55 : 1 - 9

Psalms 63 - VU 781 Second Refrain

Luke 13 : 1 – 9

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection:

Special Music: Video: American Tune/ O God Why Are You Silent,
performed by Metropolitan Community Church &
Peter Henderson

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Sung Response: Deep in Our Hearts MV 154 Vs. 3

**Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.**

Dedicating our Gifts:

**For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this
community, we dedicate these gifts. For the ways it will
help us nurture caring relationships with our neighbors,
we dedicate these gifts. May these offerings and the works
of our hands and feet be good fruit in the world.**

Prayers of Our Community:

Response: Stay With Us VU 182

Stay with us through the night.

Stay with us through the pain.

Stay with us,

Blessed stranger till the morning breaks again.

Closing Hymn: Will Your Anchor Hold VU 675

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen: There is Room for All MV 62

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;

There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.

**And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom
I trust."**

There is room for all, there is room for all!

Postlude: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go VU 658

Except where otherwise noted, Looking for Fruit Service Prayers for Lent 3C was written by Rev. Mia M. McClain, the Associate Minister at Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC and a member of the Southern Conference UCC.

Land Acknowledgment

At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is
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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