

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



Creation 2
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude:

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

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:

One: Dear friends, we are called to lives of prayerful awareness of ourselves, our community, and the world.

All: We gather to praise the living God, who hears and answers the outpouring of our prayers.

One: May we be awakened to the voice of Christ, who calls us to faithfulness.

All: May our faith be seen in using God's resources and resourcefulness in serving the world.

One: Let us worship God together!

**Gathering Prayer: (All)

Gather us, O God, into the household of grace, the fold of your love.

**We recognize your holy presence,
and are turned to toward a new day by the rising of the light of Christ.**

**Help us to face this day, and all of our days,
with the hope and promise made full for us in the person of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: Called By Earth and Sky MV 135

Intergenerational 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: Like a Rock MV 92
Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Prayer of Confession:

One: Call us to repent, O God. Open our hearts to be full of your love that breaks us open to compassion.

All: Open our minds to listen to the pain of others.

One: Call us into the active work of repentance and reparation, so we might be forgiven, and we may forgive others.

(a time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance:

One: God hears our pleas and answers them with steadfast love and mercy,
our promise of repentance with assurance of forgiveness.
May God guide us into the ways of reparation and restoration, to forgive one another as we are forgiven, and go forth sharing the Gospel with the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

1 Timothy 2: 1-7
Psalm 113 VU 835
Luke 16: 1-13

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

All: Thanks be to God

**Hymn of Exploration: Teach Me, God, to Wonder VU 299

Reflection: "Notes to the Children of Light"

Special Music:

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.**

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!**

Commissioning and Sharing the Light:

One: Go now, trusting in God's love and always giving thanks.

All: We will live confidently in the hope promised by the gospel.

One: As you go out into the world:
May God establish you securely in faith;
May Christ Jesus make you holy and blameless;
And may the Holy Spirit raise you to maturity in Christ.

All: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

**Closing Hymn: Ka Mana'o 'I 'O MV 103

**Benediction:

**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:

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.

OFFICE

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Tuesday & Thursday 8:45 to 11:45 a.m.
