# Forest Hill United Church

## An Affirming Congregation

***'open doors, open hearts, open minds'***

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**Summer Worship**
**August 20, 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 greeter this morning is **Diane Robinson**,
our teller is **Lorna McKnight,**
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)***

*Enduring One*
*who offers grace to all who come to you,*
*we come this day,*
*glad of this sacred time to be "especially" with you;*
*glad of this sacred time when we can set aside, for a while,*
*that which would distract us or drag us down,*
*or keep us from hearing you;*
*and glad to draw near to your high place of the heart,*
*where you help us to see more clearly.*
*In this place of rest and reflection, of nurture and*
*Quenching, and of peace and healing,*
*may we see your kingdom so clearly that we are*
*filled with your overflowing joy. Amen.*

*Sheryl McLeod, Admaston P.C., Renfrew Ont.*

****Opening Hymn:** Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love #574 VU

# Listening

**Readings from Our Bible:** **Brian Cassidy**

Psalm 105 P 828 VU Part 1

Genesis 37 : 1 – 4 12 - 28

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

****Song of Praise:** O God of Every Nation #677 VU

**Message:** An Irresistible Attraction

****Hymn of Reflection:** All the Way My Saviour Leads Me #635 VU

# 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)***

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer-Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!


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Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, Now and forever. Amen

**Prayer of Jesus from #916 VU**

****Closing Hymn:** Will You Come and Follow Me #567 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

Today is the last Sunday with the Rev Bob Jones in a leadership role. We thank him most sincerely for his words of wisdom and kindness, his humour and his compassion. We wish him and his wife Joanne safe travels as they visit their family out west in the coming weeks. Libby Cassidy, Chair of the Spiritual Guidance Committee, will provide leadership in worship August 27, September 3 and September 10.

**Summer Bag Lunch Program** This is the final week for the summer bag lunch program. Thank you to all those who have helped out.

**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.

**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.

**The FHUBC** will meet on Tuesday September 5th in the parlour at 12 noon. Septembers book is *The Lonely Hearts Hotel* by Heather O'Neill

# Community Events

**SUMMER HYMN SING** - Enjoy an hour of singing your favourite hymns on Wednesday, August 16, 7 pm at Brunswick Street Baptist Church accompanied by David and Leah Steeves. Ice cream social to follow. All welcome.



***GRIEF SHARE*** Support Group Begins Thursday, September 7, 2017
Have you experienced the recent death of a loved one? You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Brunswick Street Baptist Church is pleased to offer a 13-week ***Grief Share*** grief recovery seminar and support group, starting on Thursday, September 7, 2017 in the Family Room. ***Grief Share*** is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. ***Grief Share*** features a video series that features Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective combined with support group discussion. Please feel free to call **458-8348** if you would like more information.

DivorceCare will be held in the church parlour at Grace Memorial Baptist Church on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning Sept 12 and running for 13 weeks. Cost is $25 and scholarships are available upon request.
GriefShare will be held in the church parlour on Mondays from 7:00-9:00 PM beginning Sept 18 and running for 13 weeks. Cost is $25 and scholarships are available upon request.

**1st St. Margaret's Scouting Group is looking for Adult Volunteers**
Looking for a great organization to become involved in? Go on interesting adventures? Learn new skills? Make a difference in kids lives? 1st St. Margaret's Scouting Group is looking for adult volunteers for 2017-18. We are especially looking for volunteers to work with our Beaver Colony (Ages 5 – 7) and our Scout Troop (Ages 11 – 14). We are also looking for volunteers to serve on our Group Committee which supports our program sections at monthly meetings. There are a variety of opportunities available: Regular full-time volunteers, part time or occasional volunteers, Group Committee Members. We have a spot for you, regardless of the amount of time you have to give. No prior experience required and training is provided. For more information, please contact Peter Kent, Group Commissioner, at (506) 453-0919 or kent@unb.ca

# Minute for Missions
# Paying It Forward!

Mission & Service supports and develops leaders. Let me share with you a letter that Nora Sanders, General Secretary of The United Church of Canada, received from one such leader. In the letter the Rev. Park Young Ju, chairperson of East Seoul Presbytery in the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK), shared the story of the scholarship she received from the United Church.

"I was very glad to see you at the 100th General Assembly of PROK. At the moment of exchanging between our two denominations, it reminded me of the scholarship I received from The United Church of Canada in 1989 for my Ph.D. course at Ewha Women's University…. I give my deep thanks to you."

The United Church of Canada and the PROK have been in partnership since 1953. The relationship between the two has been a special one, with overseas personnel and gifts such as the scholarship that Park received. In 1989 our gifts for Mission & Service funded scholarships for those who would not otherwise be able to continue their studies, to develop leadership within the PROK.

Park has been ministry personnel of JamSil Jubilee Church since 1999, as
well as the only woman chairperson among 25 presbyteries in the PROK.

With the letter, Park enclosed a scholarship gift for the same amount that she received. As we celebrate her gift, we also celebrate how our gifts for Mission & Service support and develop leaders.

We sing thanksgiving for the leadership of the Rev. Park Young Ju and for gifts given in gratitude!

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!