

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



Palm Sunday
April 10, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Prelude: My Soul Cries Out MV 120

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Extinguishing the Candle of Lent

Introit: VU 127 Verse 1

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Call to Worship:

One: Hosanna, hosanna, loud Hosanna!
Many: Blessed is the one who comes.
One: Hosanna, hosanna, loud Hosanna!
Many: May the rivers of justice run.
One: Children singing, families dancing,
Many: The elders give a shout!
One: Peace in heaven, glory in the highest!
Many: Even the stones cry out!
One: Hosanna, hosanna, loud hosanna!
Many: May our refrain never cease.
One: Not by power nor by might,
Many: But the way that makes for peace.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

God of celebration, we line up with the crowd to herald the coming of your chosen one. May the enthusiasm we feel this day continue into the shadowed and difficult days of

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Holy Week. Journey with us on this Palm Sunday so that we are strengthened for the most holy of weeks. With voices of hope we shout, "Hosanna!" Amen.

Laura J.

Turnbull, The Gathering Lent, Easter 2022 Year C, p. 37

Opening Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honour VU 122

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Adaptation by Jim Cotter

Hymn of Praise: He Came Riding On a Donkey VU 124

Young at heart leave for Sunday School after first verse.

A Time of Soul Searching

One: Consummate Creator, Lover of Life, Giver of all that is Good. We have forsaken our calling and abandoned your love.

Many: We have paid lip service to life while serving the powers of death. Violence parades through the streets of our world.

One: It normalizes oppression and disavows truth, Without regard for human life.

Many: We see it in our schools, our sanctuaries, our soil. We find it on the borders of our nations and our neighborhoods.

One: In our politics. In our pockets. In our religion. In our relationships, Violence has invaded the habits of our hearts.

Many: The time for transformation has come upon us And found us unprepared.

One: Creation groans, the stones shout out. The Church has remained silent. Forgive us we pray.

Many: Revive our communities. Restore our hosannas.

One: Rekindle our flame for justice. That again we may join with Creation and proclaim,

All: "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

(a time of silent prayer)

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Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Living Psalm for Palm Sunday C: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29,
written by Elsa Anders Cook.
Luke 19:28-40

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection: Who's Parade Are You Going to Follow?

Special Music: "When They Heard Jesus Was Coming"
MV 128, performed by hu church

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Sung Response: God, Help Us to Treasure MV 147 Vs. 1
**God, help us to treasure these moments of myst'ry;
to hallow the Sacred in all that we do.
Throughout ev'ry season may we be
your agents of love, joy, and blessing
as hearts are renewed.**

Prayer of Dedication:

**Hosanna, God who loves us, who heals us,
who calls us to give ourselves for the sake of the world.
You have showered us with blessing.
We offer our gratitude. Hosanna in the highest!**

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: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU 123

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen: Wherever You May Go MV 216

**Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

Postlude: Sent Forth By God's Blessing VU 481

Except where otherwise noted, **Shout Hosanna: Service Prayers for Palm Sunday** were written by Michael Anthony Howard, Minister of Faith in Action for the Living Water Association, of the Heartland Conference, United Church of Christ. ucc.org

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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- April 14, 5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Agape Meal, Parlour. Please enter by small entrance door.

- April 15, 11 am. Good Friday Service

- April 17, 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service at Fredericton Research and Development Centre (Experimental Farm) followed by breakfast potluck at the church.

- April 17, 2 pm Easter Service and Communion led by Rev. Sarah Magie.