

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



4th Sunday after Epiphany January 31, 2021 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqey land.

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.

Gathering

Prelude: La fille aux cheveux de lin, Prélude, Claude Debussy

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: VU 87

'I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!'

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.

Welcome

Announcements

Centering Prayer:

Call to Worship:

In this time of icicles, when we burrow in dens, yearning to hibernate like most of nature,

we come together to heed the call.

We have come through the ice, the snow, and the wind.

We are here by divine call and appointment.

Let us sing together of the glory of our Almighty Creator.

We are welcomed, embraced, warmed by the Light.

Let us worship God.

Jani Francis, St. Andrew's U.C., Indian Head, Sask. The Gathering A/C/.E 2020 pg 46

Gathering Prayer: (All)

Every time we answer your call, O God,

we meet you again as if for the first time.

Each moment is a revelation.

Each meeting leads to our hearts opening wider to you and to others.

Each encounter shines light onto the strength of relationships fostered while following

Jesus the Christ—

**the one who invites and equips,
the one who is companion and guide,
the one who is Giver and Gift.**

Amen.

Gord Dunbar, Kincardine P.C., Kincardine, Ont. The Gathering A/C/E 2020 pg 47

Opening Hymn: Christ Has No Body Now but Yours MV 171

A New Creed VU 918

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Story Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught

**O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere!
Release a space to plant your Presence here.
Imagine your possibilities now.
Embody your desire in every light and form.
Grow through us this moment's bread and
wisdom.
Untie the knots of failure binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others'
faults.
Help us not forget our Source,
Yet free us from not being in the Present.
From you arises every Vision, Power and Song
from gathering to gathering.
May our future actions grow from here!
Amen.**

Mark Berry – Emerging Church Movement

Song of Praise: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus verse 4 VU 357

Participants will leave for Sunday School.

Prayer of Confession:

Promise of Assurance:

In Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near. Christ came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; through Christ, you have access in one Spirit to God.
**We are a forgiven and beloved people.
Thanks be to God!**

Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, Ont. The Gathering A/C/E 2020 pg.41

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111 VU 833
Mark 1:21-28

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection:

Special Music: Sonata Opus 13, 2nd mvt Adagio Cantabile
Ludwig van Beethoven

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Prayers of Our Community:

One: In Your mercy
All: Lord, hear our prayer

Lord, listen to your children praying, VU 400
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Closing Hymn: Out of the Depths, O God, We Call to You VU 611

Sharing the Light

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Amen: MV 220

**Hope shines as the solitary star,
faith is the inner light.
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
and illumine the pathway home.**

Postlude: Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom MV 10