

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



Creation 3
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude:

Welcome, Announcements & Acknowledgement:

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.

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: The Word has come to us from God:

All: who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.

One: The Word has come to us in Jesus, the Christ:

All: who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.

One: The Word flows to us from the Spirit:

All: who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God.

One: Let us worship God together!

**Gathering Prayer: (All)

Let us pray:

O God, our Creator and Sustainer:

**we come with thanksgiving for this sacred hour,
a time to slow the pace of our lives and listen for your voice.**

**Create a spirit within us that draws us toward you;
a spirit that is perceptive, gentle, and bold.**

Clear our minds, open our hearts, and touch us with your presence.

We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Opening Hymn: Morning Has Broken

VU 409

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:** All Things Bright and Beautiful VU 291
Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Prayer of Confession:

One: In God's presence, our lives are exposed and our need is revealed. Let us confess our shortcomings, as we ask God to embrace us with grace and hope.

All: Faithful God, we confess that too often we have sought after the idols of this world: wealth, notoriety, and power. We have tried to store up treasure on earth instead of treasure in heaven. We have forgotten your ways, O God. Turn us back to you. Call us by name and lead us on the path of repentance, for you are our hope and saving grace.

(a time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance:

One: This is the good news that comes from God: God hears our prayers, God will answer with hope and peace, and God will deliver us from our sins.

All: God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 91 VU 807
Luke 16:19-31

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

All: Thanks be to God

****Hymn of Exploration:** God of the Sparrow VU 229

Reflection: "Seeing and Listening"

Special Music: Perhaps Love
by John Denver featuring Anthony Lecaillon

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: God sends us from this place with a word of hope.

All: We will offer the shelter of grace to all in need.

One: Jesus sends us out with the word of life.

All: We will seek to share community with those we meet.

One: The Spirit sends us into a world which longs for justice.

All: We will trust that God's freedom will be offered to all people.

****Closing Hymn:** Wherever You May Go MV 216

****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:

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