

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



5th Sunday of Easter,
May 15, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Prelude: Open My Eyes VU 371

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Lighting of Christ Candle

Introit: MV 1 vs5

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Call to Worship:

One: We have built a house of God
where everyone is welcome.

All: We come here to extend that welcome.

One: We have built a house of God
where we can share our dreams and sorrows,
and just be ourselves.

**All: We come here to support each other
in celebration and in compassion.**

One: We have built a house of God
where we can sing and pray and praise.

All: We come here openly without fear of reprisal.

One: We have built this house of God
where we can worship.

All: We come here to worship now.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**This is God's house, a sanctuary where we are safe,
a place where we are reminded of God's magnificent
creation, a place where we are reminded of Jesus' promise
of Hope and Love, and a place of quiet contemplation
where we are filled with the Holy Spirit.
We gather here in God's house to worship together
with our church family.**

Opening Hymn: In the Bulb there is a Flower VU 703

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Adaptation by Parker J. Palmer

Hymn of Praise: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker MV 30

Young at heart leave for Sunday School after first verse

Prayer of Confession:

**Loving God, relationships are hard.
There's the rushing, running, yacking and clutter of the
day.
You call us to be present to one another,
when we want to be alone, still, silent, asleep and away.
You want us to love each other,
yet sometimes we break the rules
and hurt others in the family.
We forget to listen, to notice, to reach out and to care.
Whatever it is that blocks the way in our relationships,
whatever it is that stops us from living your word and your
way, forgive us.**

(a time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance:

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Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Acts 11: 1-18

Psalm 148 VU 871

Revelation 21: 1-6

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection: Dreams of the Disciples

Special Music: I am the Dream MV 106
performed by Libby and Brian

Responding

Presentation 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: And When You Call for Me MV 96

**And when you call for me,
I have already answered.
And when you call for me,
I am already there.**

Commissioning and Sharing the Light

**Oh Lord, we long to see a new earth, one of peace and
friendship; one with no barriers to loving our neighbours.
We long to see an earth where there is equality, no matter
what your gender, race, family status or cultural
background. We look at this Christ candle and remember
that you are the light of the world. You showed the way in
welcoming everyone as equals. Now as we take the light
out within ourselves, let us become the agents of the
change we want to see.**

Closing Hymn: I See a New Heaven VU 713

Blessing:

Choral Amen: Go, Make a Difference MV 209 Refrain

**Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.**

Postlude: God be With You Till We Meet Again VU 422

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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