

Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



February 14, 2018

Gathering

At the **, please rise in body or in spirit.

****Introit:** *(Sung Together)*

MV77

**Be still and know that I am God.
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Call to Worship:

One: Welcome, all you children of God. Welcome to this
Place where all may find peace.
All: We come, we broken, imperfect vessels, we come.
One: Welcome, all you who are weary, for whom the burdens
of life have become heavy.
All: We come. Tired, determined, weary from the road.
One: Welcome, welcome to this place in the sight of God, as
you are, in all that you are, perfect in your imperfection.
**All: We come, we come as we are without the need to hide
our true selves.**
One: Welcome, know that here you are loved without

condition. Here you may unburden yourselves.

All: We come, knowing we are loved. We come.

One: We are here, ready to give to God that which holds us
back. We are here ready to repent, knowing that repentance
means to turn away from things that are harmful and turn
towards that which uplifts and beautifies. Join me now as we
share this prayer.

Gathering Prayer (said by all in unison)

Loving God, you made us in your image but we often forget that
we are loved. We see that image and question its beauty and
deny its potential. We come here today to repent, we come here
today to reflect on the things we have done that have kept us
from others, from You and even from ourselves. We come here
today to remember the water of our baptisms, to remember that
we are loved, forgiven and that God is always with us. Amen.

Invitation to Reflect

Musical Interlude

Burning of the Palms and Paper

Time of Silence and Painting of the Cross

Music

The Mark of Ashes

Sending Forth

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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.