

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



2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
January 15, 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: VU 96

**Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star,
it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?**

Call to Worship:

To the lonely people of the world, God says,
"Come, and I will make you welcome."
To the troubled people of our community, God says,
"Come, and I will give you peace."
To our neighbours who seek light and life, God says,
"Come and see. Inquire. Discover. And know that you are loved."

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**We come, O God, in need of strength, love and grace.
Open our spirits to those who seek new understandings
and communities.
Nudge our reluctant hearts to reach out to others in your
name.
Grant us courage to bear witness to your inclusive love for
all. Amen**

Opening Hymn: Jesus Hands Are Kind Hands VU 570

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

Our Father/Mother who is in the heavens,
May your name be made holy,
may your dominion come,
may your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the bread we need;
and forgive us our debts,
as we have forgiven our debtors;
and do not put us to the test,
but rescue us from evil.
For yours is the dominion, and the power,
And the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: God of Still Waiting MV 20
Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Prayer of Self Reflection:

Holy One, in every age you have raised up people to reveal your way and invite others to seek and explore.
But we know that it's not easy to follow in these footsteps.
Sometimes we remain silent rather than share anything resembling good news.
Sometimes we remain aloof when strangers enter in.
Sometimes we are afraid to share your light in the world for fear of what others might think.

**Wash over us with your strengthening Spirit,
and renew our commitment to embrace and share your
wisdom, grace and love.**

-silent reflection-

One: Help us face each day and each challenge with the
strength of your love and the guidance of your Spirit. Amen

Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

John 1: 29-42

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn of Reflection: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise. VU 264

Reflection: "Come and See"

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Sung Response: Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

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.**

Closing Hymn: O Love How Deep, vs 1,3,5,7 VU 348

Commissioning and Blessing

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:

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