

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



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 12, 2019 10 a.m.

I thought God wanted to use me to  
show gay people how to be straight.  
Instead, God wanted to use gay people  
to show me how to be a good Christian.

Rachel Held Evans

WELCOME to worship!

Our worship leader is Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher.

Our music is led by Alex Good  
and the FHUC Choir.

Our greeters this morning are Lorna McKnight and Joe Rideout.

Our hospitality host is Diane Robinson.

Our Sunday School Teachers are John Neville and Libby Cassidy  
and our tellers are Mary Grant and Jean Fisher.

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

*At the \*\*, please rise or remain seated according to your needs.*

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

\*\*Introit:

MV 156

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin'  
walk with the Spirit through-out the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life a-borning',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,  
All: to the rising of this life itself.  
One: Be the purpose of God, between us and each purpose,  
All: the hand of God between us and each hand,  
One: The pain of Christ between us and each pain,  
All: the love of Christ between us and each love.  
One: O God, who brought us to the bright light  
of this new day  
All: bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

Loving God,  
You have led us to this place,  
not to shield us from heartache  
and the pain of human life,  
but to heal us and inspire us,  
to gently redirect us,  
till we see the world as you do  
and love it with your love.  
Amen.

\*\*Opening Hymn: I Feel the Winds of God

VU 625

Children's Time

Prayer that Jesus Taught: (All)

Beloved, our Father and Mother,  
in whom is heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
followed be your royal way,  
done be your will and rule,  
throughout the whole creation.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
Now and forever.  
Amen.

From 'human rites' by Ward and Wild.

*After the Prayer that Jesus Taught,  
children and teachers will leave for Sunday School.*

Prayer of Confession/Promise of Assurance:

One: Holy God, maker of all  
All: Have mercy on us.  
One: Jesus Christ, servant of the poor  
All: Have mercy on us.  
One: Holy Spirit, breath of life  
All: Have mercy on us.  
One: Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty

*Silence*

One: Before God and with the people of God  
I confess to my brokenness:  
to the ways I wound my life,  
the lives of others and the life of the world.  
All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you  
and the spirit enable you to grow in love.  
One: Amen.  
All: Before God and with the people of God,  
we confess to our brokenness:  
to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others  
and the life of the world.  
One: May God forgive you, Christ renew you,  
and the spirit enable you to grow in love.  
All: Amen.  
One: With the whole church  
All: We affirm that we are made in God's image,  
befriended by Christ, empowered by the spirit.  
One: With people everywhere we affirm.  
All: We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,  
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.  
One: With all creation  
All: We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;  
The unfolding purposes of God,  
forever at work in ourselves and the world.  
Amen.

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Laura Eliaba

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23 VU Page 747

Revelation 7:9-17

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: We Rise Again The Rankin Family

Reflection The World that Rachel Saw

\*\*Hymn of Reflection: The Lone, Wild Bird VU 384

## Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

\*\*Offering Verse: MV 135

Called by earth and sky,  
promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust,  
treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.

\*\*Prayer After Giving:

Oh God, set your blessings on us  
as we begin this day together.  
Confirm us in the truth by which we rightly live;  
Confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn.  
We ask not for what we want,  
but for what you know we need,  
as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.  
Amen.

Prayers of Our Community:

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:  
We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection VU 586

\*\*Sharing the Light

\*\*Commissioning and Benediction:

One: May the everlasting God shield you,  
east and west and wherever you go,  
and a blessing of God be upon you.  
All: The blessing of the God of life.  
One: The blessing of Christ be upon you,  
All: The blessing of Christ of love.  
One: The blessing of the spirit be upon you,  
All: The blessing of the spirit of grace.  
One: The blessing of the Trinity be upon you.  
Now and forever more.  
All: Amen

\*\*Choral Amen: MV 215

Peace be with you, peace forever,  
peace be with you, my friends.  
Till we meet again, may God be with you.  
Peace, peace, peace.

Postlude

*Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship*

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## Church News

### COMING UP @ FHUC

Congregational Meeting today after church

Quilt Group                      Wednesdays 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Upper Room

Congregational Meeting today after church. The subject is land use.

**HIKE FOR HOSPICE:** A big thank you to all the people who took part in the walk last Sunday and to those who supported us with donations and encouragement.

Forest Hill United Church has a summer employment opportunity under the Canada Summer Jobs program for a project-based position with a duration of 8 weeks (35 hours/wk.).

Contact: Margie Roxborough ([margie.roxborough@bellaliant.net](mailto:margie.roxborough@bellaliant.net)).

Theology on Tap will be held on the third Monday of May (the 20th) from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please join us at Dolan's Pub.

Forest Hill UCW will meet on Monday May 27 at 2 p.m. at the home of Doreen Kissick, 792 Burden St. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us.

The Forest Hill Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> in the Church parlour at 12 noon. The book for June is Extraordinary Canadian – Penguin Edition by L. M. Montgomery or reader's choice of another.

Update on the Envelope Fundraiser. To date \$2,304 has been raised for this fundraiser. If you would like to contribute, please pick up an envelope and donate the amount numbered on the envelope. If you are not sure how this works, speak to any board member for details.

Reverend Deborah would love a matched set of wing back chairs for the study. Please let us know if you have anything.

Your favourite hymns are being requested. Please fill out a ballot and put your selection in the box at the back of the church.

Photos or video may be taken for use on our web site and social media sites. Please advise a board member if you do not want your photo used on-line.

Scripture Readers are needed each week to assist during Worship Services. Please help Patricia Powell (455-8602), who coordinates readers, by indicating on the Reader Chart on the table by the kitchen, which Sundays you would be available to read (√), if needed, and also when you would not be available (x). New readers are most welcome, and names can be added to the Chart.

## Community Events

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a "Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner" on May 22nd, 2019. Tickets; \$15/person, and \$3/child. To reserve your tickets please call 457-1666.

Romances for Cello and Guitar at Gallery 78 on May 24th at 7:30 p.m. Please plan to join cellist Emily Kennedy and classical guitarist Steven Peacock. Admission is by donation.

The Fredericton Orange Lodges invite Christian men to join us. Visit [www.FrederictonOrangeLodges.ca](http://www.FrederictonOrangeLodges.ca) or email Brian Burrell at [bburrell@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:bburrell@nbnet.nb.ca)

Morning Gate Church is looking for a Church Office Administrator. Please see the ad on the bulletin board for more information.

## Minute for Mission Community Bridge

Millie lives in Edmonton, Alberta. Today she is thankful to have a home, health and one year of sobriety. Two years ago, Millie was facing eviction and homelessness. Without Bissell Centre's hot meals, Millie would have gone hungry, and without help from their caring staff, she would have ended up back on the streets.

Millie has battled addiction, violence and poverty all her life. She grew up in a turbulent, sometimes violent household. After watching and experiencing the cycle of substance abuse in her family, she vowed to never drink, but things didn't go the way she planned.

At 24, Millie fell in love, got married, and had two children. After a few years together, her husband's behaviour became all too familiar. He had an alcohol addiction and was becoming increasingly violent. Millie started coping by drinking as well. Soon, she was forced to pack up her kids and move into her car until she could get into a shelter.

Life as a single parent was never easy, but Millie was determined to give her kids a good life. Millie and her kids have had many successes together, but sadly, the pain of Millie's childhood and married years was always there in the background. Two years ago her rent was raised unexpectedly. Needless to say, she was struggling to put food on the table.

Bissell Centre's Community Bridge program helped Millie with rent and utilities in time of emergency. "I was so incredibly relieved to get help and not be struggling by myself anymore. Now I have a safe home to go to every night, and for that I'm so grateful," says Millie.

Bissell Centre is one of the many community ministries across Canada that is supported by Mission & Service.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

## Rachel Held Evans



## Jean Vanier

