

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



Sun - Season of Creation, September 5, 2021 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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Land Acknowledgment  
At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is  
built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoquey land.

Declaration of a Safe Space  
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

Prelude: Called By Earth and Sky MV 135  
Lighting of the Christ Candle  
Introit: VU 301 v 1

**Before the earth had yet begun  
its journey round the burning sun,  
before a seed of life had stirred,  
there sounded God's creating Word.**

Welcome and Announcements

Centring Prayer:

Call to Worship:

On this Sunday in Creation Time,  
we come before our Creator God with praise!

**Let us rejoice in the fields!**

**Let us rejoice in the forests!**

Let us thank the Divine One for our many gifts!

**We lift up our hearts in worship.**

Adapted from the prayer by Susan Tyndall, Delburne U.C., Highway 21 Cluster, Delburne,  
Alta. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2021, page 26. Used with permission.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**We thank you, Creator God, for the diversity, the  
complexity, and the interconnectedness of the world in  
which we live. We thank you for the mystery of it, the  
beauty and the bounty. In our quest to explore and  
understand it, keep us mindful of our place in your world,  
as one of its creatures, one with possibility and  
responsibility. As we worship, draw us closer to your  
mystery and your majesty. Amen.**

Jean Leckie, while at Heart Lake U.C., Brampton, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 2 2021,  
page 27. Used with permission.

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

Prayer that Jesus Taught: see insert

## Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God,  
you have given us the beautiful sunrises of our lives.

**Sometimes we do not notice them.**

You have given us the harmonious songs of every kind of  
bird of the air.

**Sometimes we do not pay attention.**

You have given us the soft touch of another's hands.

**Sometimes we do not feel it.**

You have given us the aromas of lovely flowers and good  
food.

**Sometimes we do not smell them.**

You have given us the mysteries of the universe to discover  
and unfold.

**Sometimes we do not consider these.**

Instead, we pollute the air and water.

**Yet you still love us.**

We continue to create mounds of garbage.

**Yet you continue to forgive us.**

**Show us the way to use our creativity and imagination to  
repair the damage we have done and to restore your holy  
gift of a healthy planet. Amen.**

*Heather Grobb, Holland U.C., Holland, Man Gathering, Pentecost 2 2021, page 28.  
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## Promise of Assurance:

Our world belongs to God, who does not rest until all  
creation is in communion with God. God's grace is at work  
in your life. Receive the peace of Christ.

*Christine Jerrett, Edge: New Ministry Development, Toronto, Ont.  
Gathering, Pentecost 2 2021, page 29. Used with permission.*

## Exploring

### Words from Our Bible:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalms 125 VU 849

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

## Reflection:

## Hymn of Reflection:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=joYieGLP1dA>

Special Music: video: Canticle of the Sun sung  
by SVD Fathers and Brothers

## Responding

Minutes for Mission: Support for the People of Haiti

Presentation of our Gifts

## Prayers of Our Community:

Extravagant God, who scatters the seeds of your love without  
counting the cost, we share with you the matters on our hearts.

*(Congregation is invited to name petition for prayer)*

Extravagant God,

**scatter the seeds of your love.**

Sheryl McLeod, Admaston P.C., Admaston, Ont. Gathering,

Pentecost 1 2021, page 51. Used with permission.

Prayer Response: Lord Listen to Your Children Praying 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!**

Closing Hymn: I Am a Child of God MV 157

Sharing the Light

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Amen: VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise God, all creatures high and low;**

**give thanks to God in love made known:**

**Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Postlude: All Things Bright and Beautiful VU 291