

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



23rd after Pentecost Sunday November 8, 2020 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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**Please share the following phone number with your vulnerable friends. If you have any need for any reason call 1-844-462-8387**

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

Prelude:

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit:

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.**

Welcome

Centering Prayer:

Call to Worship:

The measure of a people's heart is this:  
do we remember the sacrifices of the past;  
do we work for peace in the present;  
do we declare hope for the future?  
**And so, we come now before God  
to name as our dream God's reign of shalom,  
to commit ourselves to the cause of peace,  
and to remember.**

Let us worship God.  
Rod Sykes, Calgary, Alta

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle, the strength to be forgiving, the patience to be understanding, and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right.  
May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the ability to dream and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead people to commit injustice, nor selfishness**

**make them bring suffering to others.  
Help us to devote our whole lives, our thoughts and  
energies, to the task of making peace, praying always for  
the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for  
which we and all people were created.**

**We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Doug Reid, Eglinton St. George's U.C., Toronto, Ont., Used with permission..

Opening Hymn: Jesus, Stand among Us VU 396

A New Creed VU 918

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

Story Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught

**Our Father/Mother in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**You, who does not lead us into temptation  
but delivers us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*After the Prayer that Jesus Taught,  
participants will leave for Sunday School.*

Instrumental Song of Praise: by Ludwig van Beethoven  
Sonata Opus 27 nr 2 in c sharp minor, Moonlight Sonata

Prayer of Confession:

Promise of Assurance:

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78 VU 792 P1

Matthew 25:1-13

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection: Who Do You Serve?

Special Music: Amazing Grace arrangement by Nadine Martin

## Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Prayers of Our Community:

One: In Your mercy

All: Lord, hear our prayer

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: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace VU 684

Announcements

Sharing the Light

Commissioning and Benediction:

Act of Remembrance:

**They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old:**  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
we will remember them.

**Taps then two minutes of silence then Reveille**

Music: O Canada VU 524

Choral Amen: VU 298

**When you walk from here,  
when you walk from here,  
walk with justice, walk with mercy,  
and with God's humble care.**

Postlude: Day Is Done (instrumental) VU 433