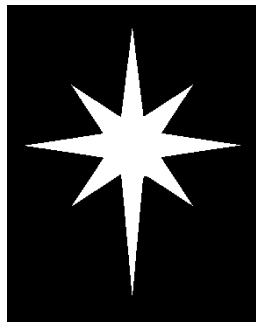


Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



2nd Sunday After Epiphany
January 15, 2017 at 10 am

“Jesus invites us into a community
where imperfect people can find
acceptance, love, forgiveness,
and a new beginning.”

Erwin McManus (b. 1958)
El Salvadorian-American Filmmaker & Pastor

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.
Our worship leader is Rev. Ali Smith,
and our music director is Alex Good,
who leads us with the assistance of the FHUC Choir.
Our greeters this morning are Dorma Grant & Diane Robinson,
our Sunday School teachers are Marilyn Lohnes & Diane Robinson,
our hospitality host is Norma Reid,
and our tellers are Jennifer Abbot & Mary Anne Blakney.

*Forest Hill United Church is a safe place for all people to gather
regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, family status,
sexual orientation, and gender identity. All are welcome here!*

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Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcoming the Light

**Introit: *(Sung Together)*

#14 MV

Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there.

Sung 3 times.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

One: Look up; look way up!
See the brilliant stars overhead.
All: **We know that the journey
is exciting and important.**
One: Look ahead;
look a long way ahead.
See the path that leads
to the future.
All: **We know that the path
is filled with great
and marvellous possibilities.**
One: Look within; look deeply within yourself.
See the gift of God's Spirit flowing through you.
All: **We know that there is a divine energy
at work within and among us.**
One: Today we journey further into this new year.
All: **May we be open to being inspired
by old stories and new perspectives.**



Adapted from Bill Steadman's Call to Worship in *Gathering A/C/E* 2016-17

By Ali Smith, 2017

****Opening Hymn: #374 VU Come and Find the Quiet Centre**

First Reading: Matthew 3:13-17 *The Baptism of Jesus*

Story Time **Rev. Cora Krommenhoek**

****Song of Praise:** #96 VU Will You Come and See the Light

Words from Our Bible: **Marilyn Lohnes**

One: This is the Word of God to guide us on our journey.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music: He Comes to Us as One Unknown
T. Dudley-Smith / C.H.H. Perry

Message: “Come and See”

****Hymn of Reflection: #10 MV Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom**

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse: *(Sung Together)***

#191 MV

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

****Prayer After Giving**

Prayers of Our Community

Prayer that Jesus Taught: *(Spoken Together)*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

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 for ever. Amen.

From *The New Zealand Prayer Book*

****Closing Hymn:** #92 VU In the Darkness Shines the Splendour

****Sharing the Light**

****Blessing**

****Choral Response:** *(Sung Together)* #161 MV, verse 1

**I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.**

Postlude

***Please join us for coffee and conversation
after worship!***

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**Printed sermons and large print bulletins
are available from our greeters
for anyone who might find either useful.**

Church News

OBSERVER RENEWAL and NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS: Please let Margaret Macdougall (455-3767) know if you wish to renew or start a new subscription. Cost \$25 (11 issues yearly). Payment may be placed on the Offering Plate in an envelope plainly marked OBSERVER and with your name and envelope clearly shown. New subscriptions also give complete mailing address and Telephone No. Cheques payable to Forest Hill United Church.

COMING UP @ FHUC

Worship Committee Tue, January 17 7:30 pm
Donovan Abbott Library

Remit Workshop Wed, January 18 9 am Parlour
All Board members are encouraged to attend.

Quilt Group Wednesdays 1-3 pm Upper Room

Choir Practice Wednesdays 7-8 pm

We are looking for individuals to be trained to use our **projector equipment**. If you are interested or want to know more, please contact our resident techie Brian Cassidy at bpc@unb.ca or 472-6768

Food Bank: Don't forget that our church has a Food Bank Donation Box located at the main entry. You can despoit nonperishable food items there any time and they will be delivered to be used by those in need.

Ushers/Greeters needed for 2017: Please check your schedule to see if you are available for one or more Sundays to help out with set up and greeting our congregation on Sunday mornings. Sign-up sheet is on the back table. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me. Many thanks. Lorna McKnight

Storm Policy Reminder: In the event of a serious storm on a Sunday morning, a decision will be made by 8 AM as to whether a cancellation is necessary. If a service is canceled, a message will be placed on the church answering machine, sent out via email, and passed on to CBC.

Potential Scripture Readers are invited to see the Date Chart and to indicate their availability for any particular Sunday. Please note the manner of indication given at the top of the Chart. New readers are most welcome. A copy of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible (which is the version of the “Pulpit Bible”) is available to loan for practice, with helpful instructions included. If you have questions, please talk with Patricia Powell (455-8602).

Community News

The Women’s Inter-Church Council of Fredericton is having the **World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting** on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 10:00AM at Forest Hill United Church. The 2017 World Day of Prayer service, titled “Am I Being Unfair to you?” was written by the women of The Philippines. Any women of all denomination of faith are encourage to come to help plan for the World Day of Prayer which will be held on March 3, 2017. On that day please join us with 170 Countries worldwide as we pray for justice and peace.

The next **DivorceCare** support group at Grace Memorial Baptist Church will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM starting January 17. For more information or to register, call 458-8527.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flock,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost, to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations, to bring peace
among people, to make music in the heart.

- Howard Thurman

Minute for Mission: Truth and Reconciliation from Canada to El Salvador

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the work of reconciliation. Let us hear a story about reconciliation in El Salvador.

El Salvador is no stranger to violence. After a civil war that lasted over a decade, peace accords were signed in 1992. But the country is now dealing with an unprecedented rate of murder and gang violence.

Miguel Tomás Castro is a pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, a Mission & Service partner in the capital, San Salvador. He heard about Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission during one of his visits to Canada and was inspired to create a Conference on Peace and Reconciliation in his own country.

In March 2016, a United Church delegation, including Moderator Jordan Cantwell and Charlene Burns of the Aboriginal Ministries Circle, travelled to El Salvador to take part. At the conference, Charlene shared her story as an Indian residential school survivor, quoting Justice Murray Sinclair in saying, “The truth was hard. Reconciliation will be even harder.”

However, as Charlene said when referring to her people and to the people of El Salvador, “We are the generation to choose the path of life for the future of our children and grandchildren and those who are yet to come, the right path, a path toward peace and reconciliation.”

We sing thanksgiving for the work of reconciliation.

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!