

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



2nd Sunday in Easter Affirming Sunday  
April 19, 2020 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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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:

VU 958

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**  
(repeat x3)

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Welcome home, people of God.

**We have come to find refuge  
in the shelter of God's care.**

Come and sit down.

There is room for everyone in God's house.

**We have come to be nourished by God's word.**

We are God's own people,  
and we are precious in God's sight.

**We have come to give thanks for  
God's faithful love.**

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**We gather today O God, our guide and guardian,  
remembering those who have nurtured us,  
protected us, and helped us grow.**

**We give you thanks for homes that except us  
and affirmed us as your precious children.**

**In the shelter of your healing love,  
fortify us as living stones,**

**and build us into a spiritual home  
where all are welcome.**

**In the name of Christ, our foundation and cornerstone,  
we pray, amen.**

\*\*Opening Hymn: Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU 395

## Exploring

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

\*\*Song of Praise: Dance With the Spirit MV 156

Prayer of Confession

Promise of Assurance

All Prayers were adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020  
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Words from Our Bible:

Psalm 66  
John 14:15-21

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God**

Reflection:

Special Music: How Could Anyone Ever Tell You by Libby Rodrick  
vs 2 by Brian Cassidy

## Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

Prayers of Our Community:

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: My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV 138

\*\*Sharing the Light

\*\*Commissioning and Benediction:

\*\*Choral Amen:

**Amen, amen, amen, amen.**  
African Spiritual

Postlude