



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



Transfiguration Sunday  
 February 11, 2024 11:30 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

## Gathering

\*\* Please rise in spirit or in body as you are able

Prelude: Open My Eyes VU 371

Welcome, Announcements & Acknowledgement:

Land Acknowledgement

**At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqiyik (wolas-to-qiyik) land.**

Declaration of a Safe Place

**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.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

\*\*Introit: A Light is Gleaming (refrain) VU 82  
**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night, living in the light.  
 Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.**

Call to Worship:

One: Today is a day of possibility.  
 God whispers the call to you, "Welcome!"  
**All: We come with little, God comes with all that is.**

One: We come as strangers and wanderers, God welcomes us as family.

**All: In this moment, in this place, we will experience the touch of God.  
 Come, you are welcome here.**

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**God of mercy, in each second of time you are with us. You call us to discipleship, you invite us into relationship one with another and with you, our Creator. In the moments of this worship may we experience your call, your community, your grace, and be led to respond. Amen.**

\*\*Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU 232

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Parker J. Palmer

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,  
 Holy and blessed is your true name.  
 We pray for your reign of peace to come.  
 We pray that your good will be done.  
 Let heaven and earth become one.  
 Give us this day the bread we need.  
 Give it to those who have none.  
 Let forgiveness flow like a river between us.  
 From each one to each one.  
 Lead us to holy innocence.  
 Beyond the evil of our days  
 Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.  
 For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:  
 Forever your name is All in One.**

\*\*Hymn of Praise: How Firm a Foundation VU 660  
*Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse*

Prayer of Self Reflection:

One: Mighty God, you call to us and summon us to live in covenant and walk in righteousness,

**All: yet we forsake your covenant and walk in ways of injustice, ignorance, or disdain.**

One: Your beauty shines forth in creation,

**All: yet we abuse and tarnish what you have created.**

One: May we be willing to do the hard thing: may we see what is happening. May we see what we do.

**All: Renew us, Holy One. Grant us a double portion of your renewing spirit.**

*-Worship Ways*

*Time for Silent Prayer*

Words of Assurance

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6 VU 775

Mark 9:2-9

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

\*\*Hymn of Reflection: In Christ There Is No East or West VU 606

Reflection

Special Music:

## Responding

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts:

Sung Response: Christ Has No Body Now But Yours MV 171 refrain

**Christ has no body now but yours,  
no hands but yours.**

**Here on this earth, yours is the work,  
to serve with the joy of compassion.**

Prayer of Dedication:

**Mighty God, you live, and you do not leave us. Bless those who receive and benefit from these gifts. May they know your presence with them. With these gifts, our prayers rise up to you. Amen.**

*-Worship Ways*

Prayers of the Community:

Sung Response: May We But Wait MV 175

**May we but wait upon Love's word,  
Knowing our prayer is heard.**

Repeat

\*\*Closing Hymn: My Soul Cries Out (Canticle of the Turning) MV 120

Commissioning and Benediction:

\*\*Choral Amen: May God's Sheltering Wings MV 214

**May God's sheltering wings,  
her gathering wings protect you.  
May God's nurturing arms,  
her cradling arms sustain you,  
and hold you in her love,  
and hold you in her love.**

Postlude: In the Bulb There is a Flower VU 703

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