Forest Hill United Church

An Affirming Congregation

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'

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Summer Worship
August 6, 2017 at 10 am

Welcome to worship! It is good that you are here. We are very pleased to welcome **Bob Jones** as our worship leader today. May you find the time spent here challenging for your mind, quieting for your body, and refreshing for your spirit. After our service, we invite you to join us for cold refreshments and a time of fellowship.

While there is no Sunday School for the summer months,
children are most welcome to join us for the service.
Quiet activities are available for busy hands.

Our greeter this morning is **Jennifer Abbott**,
our teller is **Jennifer Abbott,**
and our music is led by **Alex Good** and the **FHUC Choir**.

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!

Gathering

At the **, you are asked to rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude

Lighting the Candle

****Introit:** ***(Sung Together)*** #156 MV

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship*:* ***(Leader)***

Gathering Prayer: ***(Spoken Together)***

Living God:
Written in bygone ages, but still relevant;
heard by countless saints of the faith,
but still a life-changing witness;
your Word finds us,
your Word tests us,
your Word inspires us,
your Word motivates us,
and we thank you, Living God. Amen.
David Sparks, Summerland, B.C.

****Opening Hymn:** We Are One #402 MV

Listening

Readings from Our Bible: **Joe Rideout**

Psalm 17 P 739 VU

2 Samuel 11 : 1 – 13

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Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

****Song of Praise:** When We Are Tested #65 MV

Message: David and Bathsheba Part 1

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** ***(Sung Together)*** #33 MV

Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
hallelujah forever more!

Prayer over the Gifts ***(Leader)***

Prayers of the People ***(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 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.

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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 forever. Amen

Prayer of Jesus from #916 VU

****Closing Hymn:** How Firm A Foundation #660 VU

****Blessing**

****Choral Response:** ***(Sung Together 2 Times)*** #958 VU

Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude:

Please submit your **announcements** to Kris for the Sunday bulletin by Noon on Thursday of each week to ensure that they are printed.

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Church News

Bob Jones is away from August 9 – 11, 2017. If you have an emergency please contact Rev Brian MacDonald at 459-1205.

Summer Bag Lunch Program Wednesday saw the start of the Summer Bag Lunch program. 2 coolers were delivered by Tim Thornton of Sodexo at about 9:20. Rather than bagged lunches, there were supplies of juice, bagged sandwiches, carrots, cookies, mustard, and napkins. Sodexo employees are volunteering their time to make up the 100+ lunches that are delivered daily to the Multicultural Association, Transition Houses and other venues, as well as the 20 lunches delivered Monday, Wednesday and Friday to FHUC. By 10am I had rounded up lunch bags and baggies for the carrots and had all the lunches bagged and in the fridge.
If you are able to assist with this program, help is needed from 9-noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during July and August. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church, or phone Mary at 459-8525. If you are able to contribute paper lunch bags or snack ziploc's, please contact Mary to see if they are needed.

Soccer Assistance. The teenager from the Syrian family we are sponsoring is interested in playing soccer this summer. He has been registered already, but we are looking for assistance with both the financial costs (approx. $300 for registration fees and equipment). He has practices/games from 7:30 to 9:00 every Monday and Wednesday until the middle of August at the Scotiabank North field (next to Willie O'Ree Place). We now have drivers to cover most of the transportation. However, we are looking for people to drive Aug 2, 9 and 16 (Wed 7:30 - 9 pm) and for relief drivers for Monday evenings if the regular driver cannot make it. Please contact Margie Roxborough (455-0576) for August and Annemarie Manson if you can help with relief driving. Thank you so much for your support.

Vacation Bible School 2017 "MAKER FUN FACTORY – created by God, built for a purpose" St. Paul's, Forest Hill and Wilmot United Churches will once again be joining together for our VBS program. WHEN: August 21-25 from 9:00 – 11:30 WHERE: Wilmot United Church AGES: age 4 and up. **** We will discover a world where curious children and youth become hands-on inventors and discover they're lovingly created by God. Great music, great stories, great crafts – great fun! We will use our hearts, minds and imagination to participate in the creative life of God remembering that God is with us wherever we go… so… mark your calendars.
If you could help one morning and enjoy the fun, or help prepare snacks or activity projects, please contact Annemarie (472-5270 or pmanson@nbnet.nb.ca)

Community Events

SUMMER HYMN SINGS - Join us in the sanctuary of Brunswick Street Baptist Church on Wednesdays July 26 and August 16 at 7 pm for an hour of singing your favourite hymns! In July our organist will be David Berry and in August, David and Leah Steeves will accompany on the organ and piano. Come sing praise to the Lord! Ice cream sandwiches to follow! All welcome!

Brunswick Street Baptist Church will host an evening with Curtis Carmichael, representing UrbanPromise, on Tuesday, August 8 at 7 pm,. He will speak to us about his cross-Canada bike tour "Ride for Promise". Attached for promotional purposes is a write-up on UrbanPromise, a Christian non-profit organization. Curtis will speak on how his life's direction was changed by the work of this organization. If space is available, please include the following announcement in your bulletin or newsletter over the next three Sundays (July 23, 30 and August 6). If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Greg Geldart, Interim Senior Pastor (458-8348) or Ian Howey (Ian.Howey@nbpcd.com).

Gibson will be offering a **Vacation Bible School** (VBS), Aug. 14 – 18th. **Vacation Bible School Details:**

Ages: 4 – 10 years old
Time: 9 – 12 noon
Drop off & pick up times: 8:30 – 12:30 or other arrangements
Cost: Free; Please register by calling 457-1951.

Minute for Missions
You Visited Me

Our gifts for Mission & Service and our gifts for emergency appeals support people recovering from disasters. Let us hear a story of recovery from the Philippines.

In the Philippines, Typhoon Haiyan destroyed homes, farms, communities, and livelihoods in November 2013. Immediately after the storm, Mission & Service partner the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) began working with affected communities to meet emergency needs for shelter, food, and water.

UCCP leaders were also planning long term for how the church could work with community members to rebuild better homes, re-establish communities, and restore people's livelihoods. Much of this years-long work has begun.

Losing their boats meant fishers could not earn a living or provide daily food for their families. With the support of the people of The United Church of Canada through Mission & Service and through extra support through the emergency appeal, UCCP has been able to replace some of those fishing boats, restoring hope to many communities.

In farming communities, UCCP has introduced a new variety of rice that requires less fresh water and responds well to traditional and readily available fertilizers. In other communities, UCCP is lighting the way with micro solar power units that can provide enough energy for basic household lighting.

We sing thanksgiving for Mission & Service partner the United Church of Christ in the Philippines and its work that supports rebuilding lives. 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!