

\*\*Hymn of Reflection: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace VU 684

## Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

\*\*Offering Verse: VU 603 v.2

We are the hands and feet of Christ,  
serving by grace each other's need.  
We dare to risk and sacrifice  
with truthful word and faithful deed.

\*\*Prayer After Giving:

Prayers of Our Community:

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: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky VU 509

\*\*Sharing the Light

\*\*Commissioning and Benediction:

\*\*Choral Amen:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.  
Amen, Amen, Amen (Don Besig)

Postlude

*Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship*

If we need to cancel services due to poor weather, a cancellation notice will be on the main telephone line (455-0988), and an email will be sent to the congregational list by 8:30 a.m.

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



3rd After Epiphany - January 26, 2020 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

### OFFICE HOURS

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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.

For detailed announcements please see the announcement page on the bulletin boards or easel in the sanctuary.

## Gathering

*At the \*\*, please rise or remain seated as you desire.*

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

\*\*Introit:

VU 477

I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.

Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: What a joy to be gathered together as one people in  
all our diversity,  
All: in all our strengths and weaknesses, with all our  
different perspectives, with all our different voices.  
One: We use that diversity to help experience the world as  
God intended it,  
All: by empathizing with our neighbours, by  
acknowledging the light that burns brightly within the  
stranger.  
One: We come to this place with our humanity, seeking to  
encounter other human beings,  
All: human beings that share our fears and our hopes, our  
insecurities and our desires, our passions and our  
pain.  
One: Thanks be to God for giving us the ability to see\* the  
world more fully through the divine spark that  
connects us all. Let us worship as one people.

Éric Hébert-Daly, while at Quyon P.C., Quyon, Que. Gathering,  
Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2019-2020 page 47 . Used with permission.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

Loving Creator,  
help us enfold one another  
in blankets of loving encouragement,  
when we falter in the snows of life.  
Help us assure and affirm each other  
when we find ourselves  
lost in the deep of winter.  
Help us follow your billowy footprints  
into sanctuaries of sheltering.  
Wrap us in your cozy warmth  
and your soft light of acceptance. Amen.  
Jani Francis, St. Andrew's U.C., Indian Head, Sask. Gathering,  
Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2019-2020 page 48 . Used with permission.

\*\*Opening Hymn: As a Fire Is Meant for Burning VU578

Story Time: Turning over a new leaf

Prayer that Jesus Taught us

\*\*Song of Praise: I Am the Dream MV 106

*During hymn, children and teachers will leave for Sunday School.*

Prayer of Confession

Promise of Assurance

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible: Jennifer Abbott

Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27 VU753  
Matthew 4: 12-23

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

Special Music:

Reflection: How Many Leaves, O Lord?