

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



7th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 20, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Today we celebrate the 54th Anniversary of FHUC, the 45th Anniversary of opening of the Church Building and the 25th Anniversary of the completion of the Second Floor.

Gathering

Prelude: Open My Eyes That I May See VU 371

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Centring Prayer

Introit: Gather Us In based on VU 389 verse 1

God is here!

As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer.

May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us All our varied skills and arts.

Wait the coming of the Spirit Into open minds and hearts.

Call to Worship:

One: We have gathered together as your Forest Hill United Congregation for the past 54 years.

All: We have gathered in this Sanctuary for the past 45 years

One: We have met to worship you for these many years and continue to do so in body and in spirit today.

All: For you have promised that where any of us are gathered, you will be with us.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

O God, your Word is here before us in the Bible on our Worship Table. The beauty of your Creation is here in the bouquet of flowers. Further your creation is here in the

banners, the cross, the pulpit and so many other things crafted by the members of Forest Hill United and dedicated to your worship. Your ever present Spirit, symbolized in the Christ Candle is in each of us and among us today as always.

We gather now to worship in praise, prayer and thanksgiving for all you have done for us.

Opening Hymn: Grateful MV 182

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Traditional NRSV

**Our Father/Mother in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial,

but rescue us from the evil one.

For Thine is the Kingdom,

and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: We Praise You, O God VU 218

Young at heart leave for Church School after first verse.

Prayer of Confession:

Ever loving God, Joseph welcomed his brothers and their family members to Egypt, despite their having sold him into slavery. We confess that we find it an immense challenge to not only forgive but to open our hearts to those who have hurt us physically and/or emotionally. We ask your help in meeting these challenging situations in our lives. You already know the hurts we hold on to. We bring them to you now in silent prayer so that you can lift the burden from us.

(Open your hearts to God in Silence)

Exploring

Genesis 45: 3-11, 15

Psalms 37 VU 763 with sung refrain

Luke 6: 27-38

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection: Give in Good Measure

Special Music: Special Video clips from 50th Anniversary service

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Sung Response: What Can I Do?

MV 191

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.

Prayers of Our Community:

Response: Take, O Take Me as I Am.

MV 85

Take, O Take me as I am;

Summon out what I shall be;

Set your seal upon my heart

and live in me. (repeat x1)

Commissioned to Share the Light:

Closing Hymn: O Breath of Life

VU 202

Blessing:

Choral Ending:

MV 115

**Behold, Behold, I make all things new, beginning with you,
and starting from today.**

**Behold, Behold, I make all things new, my promise is true,
For I am Christ the Way.**

Land Acknowledgment

At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqey 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.

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