

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



13th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 4, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

## Gathering

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

Prelude:

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Lighting of Christ Candle

\*\*Introit:

MV 79

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.**

\*\*Call to Worship:

Holy Spirit, open our hearts  
**As we prepare to return to our fall activities**  
As we still cling to the warmth of summer days  
**Holy Spirit, open our hearts**  
To be fully in your presence  
**As we worship together this morning.**

\*\*Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Holy Spirit, open our hearts  
and our minds as we gather here  
in community and in your presence.  
Open us to new possibilities,  
open us to new ways of worship.  
Keep us ever mindful of the main reason  
we gather together.  
Lead us in your path today. Amen**

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\*\*Opening Hymn: I Am the Dream

MV 106

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

\*\*Hymn of Praise: Be Thou My Vision

VU 642

Prayer of Self Reflection:

O Guiding Light, we enter this new season  
Full of expectation and nervousness.  
**We have had a summer in which we were able to travel,  
We have begun to establish a new normal of living.**  
We sometimes forget, God,  
to bring ourselves close to you.  
**We forget to share the great times  
as well as we share the troubled times.**  
Yet, you are always with us, patiently waiting  
for us to share our lives with you,  
**Forgive us and hear our individual joys and sorrows  
as we bring them to you in silence.**

*(a time of silent prayer)*

Words of Assurance:

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## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Luke 14: 25-33

Psalm 139 VU 861

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

\*\*Hymn of Exploration: Will You Come and Follow Me VU 567

Reflection: The Potter and the Clay

Special Music:

## Responding

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts

Sung Response: Work for a World MV 127

But with God the world is turned upside down  
the poor are embraced and the lost they are found  
Let's work for a world where all people are free  
where it's good to feel good about God  
loving you and me.

Prayers of Our Community:

Sung Response: When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides MV 169

When hands reach out beyond divides  
and hope is truly found,  
each chain of hate will fall away  
and bells of peace shall sound,  
and bells of peace, of peace shall sound,  
and bells of peace shall sound,  
each chain of hate will fall away  
and bells of peace shall sound.

Commissioning and Sharing the Light:

**The light of Christ has been with us throughout the service  
Shining in, among and around us**

**The potter has crafted us each as unique clay pots  
each with a few cracks  
through which our light shines to the world,  
and through which the light of the world can enter.  
Let us go from this time of worship  
and let that light shine brightly.**

\*\*Closing Hymn: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me VU575

\*\*Blessing:

\*\*Choral Amen: Peace Be with You MV 215  
Peace be with you, peace forever,  
peace be with you, my friends.  
Till we meet again, may God be with you.  
Peace, peace, peace.

Postlude:

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.

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Administrative Assistant - Kris Yarych  
Tuesday & Thursday 8:45 to 11:45 a.m.