

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



8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 2023 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering Together

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

Prelude: Blessed Assurance VU 337

Greeting: (Responsive)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
Be with you all.

And also with you.

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.

Call to Worship:

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

Inviting us to worship.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

Inviting us by love.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

**Calling us by name,
Calling us to grow in faith,
Calling us to be made new.**

We come to worship in this season of the Spirit.

Amen

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit: Spirit Open My Heart refrain MV79

**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.**

Opening Prayer: (All)

**God, you touch our lives with mystery and hope.
We come to this place today,
Ready to see your power working through us. Help us to be
open to your Word, And to answer your call among us. In the
name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: Three Things I Promise MV 176

Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Prayer of Illumination:

Words from Our Bible:

John 4:5-30

One: This is the Word of our God.

All: **Praise be to your, O Creator.**

Reflection: A Simple Glass of Water

Special Music:

Responding To God's Word

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts

Sung Response: Praise God from Who, All Blessings Flow VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Prayer of Dedication: (all)

**Gracious God, you have called us to be your own.
We long to respond to your call: openly, fully, lovingly.
Hear our deepest desires and yearnings, we pray.
Reveal yourself in Spirit and in truth.**

Prayers of the People:

Prayers by Reverend Rose-Hannah

We commend to the Lord our families and friends;
And let us ask God to help us in the days of this coming week.
~Silence~
Amen.

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Paraphrased by Sarah Dylan Breuer

Loving Creator we honour you,
and we honour all that you have made.
Renew the whole world in the image of Your love.
Give us what we need for today,
and a hunger to see the whole world fed.
Strengthen us for what lies ahead;
heal us from the hurts of the past;
give us courage to follow your call in this moment.
For your love is the only power,

Sung 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.**

the only home, the only honour we need,
in this world and in the world to come.
Amen.

**Hymn of Praise: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling VU 333

Sending Forth

Commissioning:

Benediction: (In Unison)

**May the blessing of God, the giver of every good and
perfect gift; and of Christ, who summons us to service; and
of the Holy Spirit, who inspires generosity and love, be with
us all.**

Postlude: Deep In Our Hearts MV154

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