

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



3rd Sunday after Pentecost, June 13, 2021 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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**Please share the following phone number with your vulnerable friends. If you have any need for any reason call 1-844-462-8387**

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.

## Gathering

Prelude: Lord Speak to Me VU 589

Lighting of the 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.**

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Prayer:

Call to Worship:

As we gather here today, may the peace of Christ be upon this house of worship.

**As we come together, may God's peace rest on us as we listen to the message, sing songs of praise, and give thanks.** May our time together ignite in us a desire to go out and share the peace and love of Christ with others.

**Let us worship God, singing and praising God's wonderful love for all.**

Stephanie Richmond, Greenbank-Seagrave P.C., Greenbank, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 1 2021, page 38. Used with permission.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Loving God,  
you live in us through the Spirit.  
We feel the holy breeze on our hearts,  
as surely as the trees feel the gentle wind  
on their leaves.**

**Thank you for always being with us,  
for giving us the courage and strength  
to let the Spirit into our lives,  
to let it fill our spiritual sails and carry us forward,  
so that we may be winds of change  
in a becalmed world.**

**Through your love, O God, this is possible. Amen.**

Dianne Young, St. Martin's U.C., Saskatoon, Sask. Gathering, Pentecost 1 2021, page 43. Used with permission.

Opening Hymn: God of the Sparrow V 1, 3, 6 VU 229

Story Time: Ellie Black

Prayer that Jesus Taught

Creator in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
You who does not lead us into temptation  
but delivers us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever.  
Amen.

Song of Praise: We Praise You for the Sun V3 VU 225

*Participants will leave for Sunday School*

Promise of Assurance:

Receive the good news:  
God is with us,  
through our journey of life and beyond.  
**We are not alone.**  
We are held in the mercy and grace of our Creator,  
**through one another**  
**and in the gift of God's own Spirit.**  
Even when we feel abandoned and forsaken,  
**God is with us.**  
God's promise and love  
is deeper than our knowing,  
**deeper than our feelings,**  
**deeper than our fears.**  
*\*Quiet time of reflection.\**  
Nothing can separate us from God's love.  
**For this reason, we say alleluia! Amen!**

Susan Girard, Riverview U.C., Atikokan, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 1 2021, page 50.  
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## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13  
Psalm 20 VU 742  
Mark 4:26-34

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection:

Special Music: One Little Candle by George Mysels & J. Maloy Roach

## Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Prayers of Our Community:

Extravagant God, who scatters the seeds of your love without  
counting the cost, we share with you the matters on our hearts.  
*(Congregation is invited to name petition for prayer)*

Extravagant God,

**scatter the seeds of your love.**

Sheryl McLeod, Admaston P.C., Admaston, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 1 2021, page 51. Used  
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Prayer Response: Lord Listen to Your Children Praying VU 400

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**

**Lord, send your Spirit in this place;**

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**

**send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

Closing Hymn: We are pilgrims VU 595

Sharing the Light

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Amen: VU 298

**When you walk from here,**

**when you walk from here,**

**walk with justice, walk with mercy,**

**and with God's humble care**

Postlude: All the Way my Saviour Leads Me VU 635