

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



Easter Sunday – April 12, 2020 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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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.

Gathering

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ

**Introit:

VU 958

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
(repeat x3)

Welcome

Invitation to Easter Brunch

Centering Prayer

Call to Worship:

The light beams stream into our homes,
heralding the coming of spring and warm weather.
The light beams stream into our homes,
**heralding the presence of the Holy Spirit here in
this place.**

People of God, come let us worship in song and joy.
Adapted from the prayer by Jim McKean, St. Paul's U.C., Orillia, Ont.
Gathering, L/E 2020, page 44. Used with permission.

Gathering Prayer: **(All)**

**Easter is a season of new life and so we give thanks for our new
life in Christ Jesus. Bring us once again into your presence
through your indwelling Spirit that comforts and sustains us
throughout our lives.**

(a time of silent prayer)

**Loving God, may we find the quiet centre of your love today as
we renew our love through our worship of you. Amen.**

Jim McKean, for Severn Bridge P.C., Severn, Ont Gathering, L/E 2020, page 45. Used with
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**Opening Hymn: Welcome, Happy Morning

VU 161

Refrain

Welcome, happy morning!
Age to age shall say;
hell today is vanquished,
heaven is won today!

Vs1

Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say,
Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today:
come then, True and Faithful, now fulfil your word;
this is your third morning: rise, O buried Lord!

Vs2

Earth with joyful welcome clothes itself for spring;
greeted with life reviving our returning king:
flowers in every pasture, leaves on every bough,
speaking of sorrows ended; Jesus triumphs now!

Vs3

Author and sustainer, source of life and breath;
you for our salvation trod the path of death:
Jesus Christ is living, God forever more!
Now let all creation hail him and adore.

Vs4

Loose our souls imprisoned bound with Satan's chain;
all that now is fallen, raise to life again!
Show your face in brightness, shine the whole world through;
hope returns with daybreak, life returns with you.

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

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

All: Thanks be to God

Reflection:

Special Music: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

VU 155

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

Communion

Introduction to Online Communion

Call to Give Thanks *Sursum Corda*

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Hymn: When We Gather at the Table

MV 198

Thanksgiving

Song of Creation *Sanctus-Benedictus*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Self-Giving *Anamnesis-Oblation*

**Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace,
remembering Christ's life and death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
waiting in hope for his coming again.
Grant that in praise and thanksgiving,
we may so offer ourselves to you
that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:**

Affirmation of Memory and Hope *Memorial Acclamation*

**Christ has died.
Christ is Risen.
Christ will come again.**

Remembering Jesus at Table *Institution Narrative*

Prayer for Transformation *Epiciclesis*

Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup *Fraction and Pouring*

The body of Christ. (break bread)
Thanks be to God for the bread of life.
The blood of Christ. (pour juice)
Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing.
In the breaking of this bread and the pouring of this cup,
we remember all who this day
will have no bread, no drink,
all who are without shelter,
all burdened by loneliness and fear.
We pray for the day when all people
will find on this earth a generous home.

Get your elements ready!

Sharing the Bread and Cup *Distribution*

Prayer after Communion *Post-Communion Prayer*

**Life-giving God,
we give you thanks for the gift of our Saviour's presence
in the simplicity and splendour of this holy meal.
Unite us with all who are fed by the life of Christ
that we may faithfully proclaim the Good News of your
love and that your church may be a rainbow of hope
in an uncertain world;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

Remembering the Community *Intercessions*

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!**

Concluding Praise *Doxology*

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.**

Amen

Let all God's people say, "Amen!"
Amen.

**Our father/mother, 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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

**Closing Hymn: I Danced in the Morning

VU 352

Refrain

Dance, then wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Vs1

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Vs2

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on.

Vs3

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die.

Vs4

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.

Vs5

They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die; I'll live in you if
you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

**Sharing the Light

**Commissioning and Benediction:

**Choral Amen:

Amen, amen, amen, amen.
African Spiritual

Postlude

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