Forest Hill United Church

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



Pentecost Sunday
June 4, 2017 at 10 am

The soul would have no rainbow, had the eyes no tears.
John Vance Cheney

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.
Our worship leader is **Rev. Bob Jones,**
and our music director is **Alex Good**,
who leads us with the assistance of the **FHUC Choir**.
Our greeter this morning is **Mary Grant**,
Our Sunday School Teachers are **Margie Roxborough, Angela Berans**,
and **Joan Mitchell**
and our tellers are **Jenifer Abbott** and **Mary-Anne Blakney**.
And our Hospitality Host is **Marilyn Lohnes.**

Children and teachers are asked to go directly to Sunday School at the beginning of the service and to return during the Communion hymn.

Forest Hill United Church is a safe place for all people to gather regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, family status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. All are welcome here!

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Gathering

At the **, you are asked to rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude:

Welcoming the Light

One: When we heard his voice
All: our hearts burned within us!
One: When the Spirit arrived
All: it came as bright flame!
One: Let this light be our Christ light
All: A moment of Pentecost, carried out in our lives!

****Introit:** ***(Sung Together)*** #115 MV

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.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

We have come to celebrate the Birthday of the church.
We have come to celebrate Pentecost
and to open ourselves to God's Spirit that it might fill us.
O God, help us to direct our thoughts to you,
that your power might fill this church and our lives,
as it filled your people throughout the ages.
Teach us to be your church and your people. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Come We That Love VU 715

Exploring

Words from Our Bible: **John Neville**

Psalm 104: p 826 parts 1 & 2

Acts 2: 1 - 12

One: This is the Word of Hope – the Word for All.
All: Thanks be to God!

Message: What the Church Should Be

Hymn of Praise: Spirit God, Be Our Breath MV 150

Special Music: Deep in Our Hearts

Hymn of Reflection: By the Well MV 117

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offertory Prayer** ***(Spoken together)***

O God, accept these tithes and offerings as part of our worship here today. With them accept our continued commitment to your service in this community and beyond through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Offering Verse: ***(Sung Together)*** #376 VU Verse 2

Spirit of the Living God, more among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;
humble, caring, selfless, sharing,
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

****Prayer over the Gifts** (Spoken Together)

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,
we bring our gifts to you, O God
Help us also to give a ready mind,
a willing spirit,
and a joyful heart. Amen.

Celebration

****Communion Hymn:** #154 MV Deep in Our Hearts

Communion will be served to you at your seat. Please pass the tray to the person beyond you. He/she will hold the tray for you, then pass the tray on. Please indicate if you would prefer gluten-free bread.

PENTECOST COMMUNION

Invitation To The Table:
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you
One: Whoever is on the Lord's side, let them join with me, that we may come to the vision of God. Let us each and all pray:
All: Create a clean heart within me, O God, so that it may become your chosen shelter and the resting place for your Holy Spirit.
One: May your everlasting three-fold friendship come awaken our hearts that we may live in the power of your Grace.
All: Through our lives, and by our prayers your kingdom come. Amen.

The Presentation Of God's Gifts
One: The Lord is with us.
All: And His Spirit is here.
One: Let us pray:
All: Blessed are you, O God, for through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and hands have made. They will be for us spiritual food and drink ---bread and wine for the journey.

The Story of the Last Supper:
We remember on the night when Jesus and the disciples had their last meal together, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying "This is my body, which is broken for you. Take and eat it, and as often as you do, remember me."

In the same way he took the cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to the disciples, saying: "Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant, poured out for you and for many Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me". -4-

Sharing Of The Bread and Wine *(all the bread is gluten free)*

Prayer After Communion:

Gracious God, for the bread and wine we have received and for all your blessings we would be thankful. May these gifts we have received and this time together leave their mark upon us that we might be drawn closer together and closer to you through the Spirit and Way of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Now, in his name we pray…

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;
and 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

****Closing Hymn:** Joyful Joyful we adore you VU 232

**** BENEDICTION**

The way is long, let us go together.
The way is difficult, let us help each other.
The way is joyful, let us share it.
The way is Christ's, let us follow.
The way is open before us, let us go:
With the Love of god, the Grace of Christ,
and the communion of the Holy Spirt.

****Closing Response:** ***(Spoken Together)***

One: As we go into this week and until we meet again, May the God of fire and beauty
All: Warm us where we need warming.
One: May the God of Peace and Justice
All: Disturb us where we need disturbing.
One: May the God of wind and wonder
All: Amaze us where we need amazing.
One: May the God of Pentecost
All: Kindle love in our lives.

Sharing the Light of Life -5-

Postlude:

Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Congregational Meeting	Sunday, 4 June beginning at noon
Quilt Group	Wednesdays 1-3 pm Upper Room
Choir Practice	Sunday at 11:30-12:30 in the Choir Room

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, 4 June beginning at noon, to receive and act upon the report and recommendations of the Joint Needs Assessment Committee and to elect members to a Joint Search Committee. A summary of the JNAC report has been circulated by email. Electronic and paper copies of the full report are available upon request to John Neville (455-0576, johnjniv@gmail.com). Thank you to Brian and Libby Cassidy, who have volunteered to lead a **sing-along** between the end of service and before the start of the congregational meeting. We encourage folks to bring a light lunch, enjoy the conversation and singing, and stay for this important meeting.

Forest Hill UCW is hosting Ladies Night Out at the Ramada Hotel on Tuesday, June 13 @ 6:30 pm. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to join us for a meal and fellowship. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. If you wish to carpool, call May Houston 455-7715 or Diane Robinson 459-8779.

Church Picnic, Sunday June 18 Please join us for our Annual Outdoors Service and Picnic, starting at 10 am on the grounds of the church. Much of the service will be provided by the Sunday School young people. After the service join us for pot luck finger foods (sandwiches, veggies etc.) and games, hikes or a



geocaching scavenger hunt. Dessert, juice, coffee and tea will be provided. Bring your finger foods, your lawn chairs, sunscreen, sunhats and bug spray and join us for a wonderful time in the out of doors. In the case of inclement weather, our service and picnic will move indoors.

Vacation Bible School 2017 "MAKER FUN FACTORY – created by God, built for a purpose" St. Paul's, Forest Hill and Wilmot United Churches will once again be joining together for our VBS program. WHEN: August 21-25 from 9:00 – 11:30 WHERE: Wilmot United Church AGES: age 4 and up. **** We will discover a world where curious children and youth become hands-on inventors and discover they're lovingly created by God. Great music, great stories, great crafts – great fun! We will use our hearts, minds and imagination to participate in the creative life of God remembering that God is with us wherever we go… so… mark your calendars.

Ushers/Greeters needed: Please check your schedule to see if you are available for one or more Sundays to help out with set up and greeting our congregation on Sunday mornings. Signup sheet is on the back table. If you have any questions please feel free to ask me. Many thanks. Lorna McKnight

Scripture Readers – are needed each week to assist during Worship Services. Please help Patricia Powell (455-8602), who coordinates readers, by indicating on the Reader Chart, which Sundays you would be available to read (√), if needed, and also when you would not be available (x). New readers are most welcome, and names could be added to the Chart.

One of the practice Bibles has been missing for a while. It would be good to have it returned - thank you.

Minute for Missions / A Call to Leadership

Our gifts for Mission & Service support theological schools like St. Andrew's Theological College in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Let us hear the reflection of Principal Lorne Calvert.

"Our United Church of Canada has initiated a new campaign to attract people to ordered ministry under the theme 'God's World Needs Leaders.' As a college whose mission is to offer justice-driven education for Christian leadership, we welcome this undertaking.

"Our ministers are responsible for leading, guiding, and supporting the community of faith in the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ. They touch people's lives at various points of joy, pain, celebration, and vulnerability in a variety of ways—by leading in worship, by providing pastoral care, by standing with those who suffer, and by working for justice and peace.

"With the help of St. Andrew's alumni the college is being equipped with new technology to provide our students with the best possible options for online and distance learning. We are reaching out to establish new partnerships locally and internationally for educational opportunities. Through the work of our faculty beyond the classroom we offer cutting-edge theology and scholarship.

"We seek to be the affirming, justice-driven, and welcoming community that we are called to be. All of this we strive for because God's world needs leaders."

We sing thanksgiving for the commitment of United Church theological schools that our gifts for Mission & Service support!