

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



Trinity Sunday  
June 4, 2023 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

### Gathering

*Those going to Sunday School will leave now*

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

Prelude: The Church's One Foundation VU 331

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.

#### 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.**

#### Call to Worship:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

**In the beginning God said, "Let us make humankind in our image."**

And so we came into being, created by the God of love and grace.

**Let us open ourselves to God's presence this day. Let us worship God.**

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Holy God, Source of life, maker of Heaven and Earth, You created us in your image and called us good.**

**You are the Wisdom within our hearts, the Word who dwells among us, and the Spirit who calls us beyond ourselves. Be present in our midst this day.**

**Reveal to us how to live as your people and witness to your wonder and grace. Amen**

\*\*Opening Hymn: Holy Holy Holy VU 315

Intergenerational Time:

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

\*\*Hymn of Praise: God of the Bible MV 28

Prayer of Self Reflection:

Sometimes, O God, we struggle to acknowledge the reality of your Being.

**Even though you have shown us your truth, it is easy to rest in our own uncertainties.**

We find ourselves unable or unwilling to acknowledge what we do not know.

**We find it difficult to embrace mystery, awe and wonder.  
Open us anew to the movement of your Spirit.**

*-silent reflection-*

Words of Assurance:

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Matthew 28: 16-20

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection: "Up Close and Personal"

Special Music: True Colours by Cyndi Lauper

## Responding

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts

Sung Response: Praise God from Whom, 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.**

Pre-Communion Hymn: Here, O My Lord. VU 459 vs. 1-3

Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Invitation

One: Glory to God in the highest

All: **and on earth, hope and peace to all!**

One: Blessed are you, gracious God...

So it is that we raise our voices to give you thanks and praise:

All: **Holy, holy, holy God. God of time and space.**

**All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.**

One: So we remember that... Now send your Holy Spirit upon us, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ, light, life and love to the world.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

All: **For the food we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, we give you thanks, Holy One. Now send us forth, united in courage, peace and love, to give light to those in need, and be Christ's hands and feet in the world.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Post-Communion Hymn: Here, O My Lord VU 459 vs. 4-5

\*\*Closing Hymn: The Play of the Godhead MV 43

Commissioning and Blessing:

\*\*Choral Amen: When You Walk from Here VU298

**When you walk from here,  
when you walk from here,  
walk with justice, walk with mercy,  
and with God's humble care.**

Postlude: Faith of Our Fathers VU 580

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Tuesday & Thursday 8:45 to 11:45 a.m.

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