

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



Multiculturalism Day in Canada
Sunday, June 26, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Prelude:

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Lighting of 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.**

Call to Worship:

One: Throughout the World today
People gather together,

**All: Singing, dancing, praying,
Using a variety of forms to praise God.**

One: We gather as part of these people

All: To join together in worship.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**O God, you have created each one of us as unique
individuals, coming from various backgrounds.
You have woven us together with the threads of our faiths.
Open our minds and hearts to your word today.**

Opening Hymn: Deep In Our Hearts MV 154

Intergenerational Time: video on biblical background of
Interculturalism

[God's Intercultural Calling – YouTube](#)

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: For the Fruit of All Creation VU 227

Prayer of Confession:

One: Oh Great Listener God, we are here calling on you
silently.

**All: We ask you to hear our thoughts and feel our
emotions as we acknowledge our brokenness.**

One: Even though we know that our actions
fall well short of your vision for us;

All: we are assured of your ever present forgiveness.

One: We ask for your help and wait for your response.

All: We wait, patiently and silently for your answer.

One: We silence our thoughts and wait patiently again,
listening attentively for your wisdom,

All: for we believe in your ever present help.

(a time of silent prayer)

Amen

Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Deuteronomy 10: 17-21
Psalm 24 VU 751
Ephesians 2: 11-22

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection: Alex Good

Special Music: Kuch Iss Carah with Iknoor Singh, Ravtej Singh

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Sung Response: Work for a World MV 127

But with God the world is turned upside down
the poor are embraced and the lost they are found
Let's work for a world where all people are free
where it's good to feel good about God
loving you and me.

Prayers of Our Community:

Sung Response: When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides MV 169

When hands reach out beyond divides
and hope is truly found,
each chain of hate will fall away
and bells of peace shall sound,
and bells of peace, of peace shall sound,
and bells of peace shall sound,
each chain of hate will fall away
and bells of peace shall sound.

Commissioning and Sharing the Light:

Closing Hymn: Go, Make a Difference MV 209

Blessing:

Choral Amen: Peace Be with You MV 215
Peace be with you, peace forever,
peace be with you, my friends.
Till we meet again, may God be with you.
Peace, peace, peace.

Postlude:

Land Acknowledgment

We begin this time of worship by acknowledging that we are meeting on the land of the Wolastoqiyik (wool-las-two-wi-ig) people. We thank all the generations of Indigenous people who have taken care of this land and been its stewards for thousands of years. We also recognize the contributions Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening this region, the provinces, and Canada as a whole.

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.

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