

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



3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: He Leadeth Me VU 657

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 Christ Candle

Introit: VU 96

**Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star,
it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?**

Call to Worship:

One: We are gathered together, because we want to worship God,
All: **to give thanks to God for God's presence in good and bad times,**

One: to confess to God those moments we have been unfaithful,

All: **to listen for God's word in our lives and our life together,**

One: to lift up those concerns close to our hearts.

All: **We are gathered together to be the Body of Christ.**

One: May God find a welcome home among us.

Frances Flook, "Gathering" A/C/E 2022

Gathering Prayer: (All)

Come light our world, O God.

**Cast love into the corners where hatred hides,
shine peace upon the shadows of strife,
turn off the distress and turn on joy,
light our world with the sunshine of hope.**

We pray in the name of the Light of the World. Amen.

Jean Leckie, "Gathering" A/C/E 2018

Opening Hymn: The Church's One Foundation VU 331 vs 1,2,3,5

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver

Source of all that is and that shall be.

Father and Mother of us all.

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials to great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

Now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: Never Ending Joy MV 40
Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Prayer of Self Reflection:

-silent reflection-

Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Psalm 27 VU 754-755
Matthew 4: 12-23

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

**Hymn of Reflection: Spirit God, Be Our Breath MV 150

Reflection: Leaving Home

Special Music: The People That Walked in Darkness

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Sung Response: Spirit, Open My Heart 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.

Prayers of our Community:

Sung Response: And When You Call for Me MV 96
And when you call for me,
I have already answered.
And when you call for me,
I am already there.

Closing Hymn: God of the Bible MV 28

Commissioning and Sharing the Light:
Mary Grant, "Gathering" A/C/E/ 2022

Choral Amen: MV 220

Hope shines as the solitary star,
faith is the inner light.
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
and illumine the pathway home.

Postlude: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me VU 635

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