

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



2nd Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Prelude: Jesus Christ Is Waiting – VU 117

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Extinguishing the Second Candle of Lent

Introit: VU 108 Verse 2

**The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,
who found in weakness greater power,
embraces us, though lost and flawed,
and leads us to his Rising Hour.**

Call to Worship:

One: God calls us each and every moment of the day.

All: God calls us through the tears of sadness.

One: God calls us through the tears of joy.

All: God calls.

One: How we acknowledge that call is up to us.

**All: Our choice to gather to worship is one way we
accept God's call.**

Jim McKean, The Gathering Lent, Easter 2022 Year C, p.30

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Holy One, Word of Life, in these days of Lent, lead us
through the wilderness where nothing seems familiar and
into a place where we can sense you calling us. Lead us
into a new day where we trust you with our fears and
prejudices because we know that Jesus came to show us a
better way to face the unknown. In this season of Lent,
travel with us as we face the places in our lives that would
keep us from loving neighbours. As the Spirit offers
guidance, may we be found willing to follow. Amen.**

Wendy MacLean, The Gathering Lent, Easter 2022 Year C, p.32

Opening Hymn: I Have Called You by Your Name MV 161

Intergenerational Time: "Letting Go and Cultivating"

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Adaptation by Jim Cotter

Hymn of Praise: To Abraham and Sarah VU 634

Young at heart leave for Church School after first verse.

A Time of Soul Searching

One: O Wounded Healer, Mighty yet Merciful,
Nothing we say can undo the damage we have done.

**All: As you wept over Jerusalem, we now weep over our
world.**

**You see what we have done with the gifts you have
freely given us.**

One: You sought to gather us, but we were not willing.
Your prophets spoke, but we did not have ears to hear.

All: Now, in our desperation, we pray.

Our lives are in chaos, but we long for your joy.

One: Beyond our rationalized violence, we yearn for a peace
that makes no sense.

**All: Forgive us, God of mercy and grace. Come again to
us, we pray.**

**Then we will surely say, "Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord."**

(a time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27 VU pp. 754-55

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Luke 13: 31-35

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

All: Thanks be to God

Reflection:

Special Music: Video of When the Wind of Winter Blows

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Sung Response: Deep in Our Hearts MV 154 Vs. 2

**Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.**

Dedicating our Gifts:

One: As we honour the gifts of time and talent that we have shared during the week, the gifts of money offered through PAR, through e-transfers, and on the collection plate this morning, we pray:

All: Gracious God, bless us as we use these gifts to show your love in our congregation, our community, and your world. Amen.

Phyllis Flemming, The Gathering Lent, Easter 2022 Year C, p. 35

Prayers of Our Community:

Response: Stay With Us VU 182

**Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the pain.
Stay with us,
Blessed stranger till the morning breaks again.**

Closing Hymn: Like a River of Tears MV98

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen: There is Room for All MV 62

**There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all!**

Postlude: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life VU 681

Land Acknowledgment

At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqey 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.

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