

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



Easter Sunday  
April 17, 2022 2 p.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Prelude: Welcome Happy Morning VU 161

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Lighting of Christ Candle

Introit: VU 958

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
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**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Call to Worship:

One: We gather:  
**All: a community of faith in God's subversive world.**  
One: We gather to celebrate  
**All: that no darkness can extinguish light,**  
One: to remember  
**All: that love will always be more powerful than death,**  
One: and to trust  
**All: that peace will always be stronger than violence.**  
One: We gather,  
**All: people of faith in the light of God's world.**  
One: Welcome to worship.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**O God of all our days,  
we come this afternoon with eager anticipation.  
We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you.**

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**Open our hearts,  
that we might experience you anew.  
Open our lives,  
that we may be faithful witnesses  
to your resurrection.  
May we, with shouts of joy,  
proclaim your steadfast, liberating love  
to all people, everywhere. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today VU 155

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Adaptation by Jim Cotter

Hymn of Praise: Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! MV 121

Prayer of Confession (All):

**O God, still creating,  
we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace,  
and we are skeptical.  
We expect things to go on the same as they always have,  
from bad to worse.  
The past will keep us guilty,  
the future will make us afraid,  
and the present will burden us  
with too little time and too much to do.**

*(a time of silent prayer)*

**Forgive our lack of faith,  
our quickness to believe that you do not hear us,  
and our pessimism about tomorrow.  
Do a new thing in our hearts,  
and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care;  
through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Isaiah 65: 17-25

Psalms 118

John 20:1-18

VU 837 parts 1, 2 & 3

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection:

## Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Communion Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

VU 459 vs 1-3

Sacrament of Communion:

Communion Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

VU 459 vs 4-5

Prayers of Our Community:

Closing Hymn: The Day of Resurrection

VU 164

Blessing and Sending Forth:

One: My sisters and brothers,

today we have celebrated

the glorious Mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

**All: Let us go forth, rejoicing in the knowledge  
that Jesus is alive.**

**Alleluia!**

One: Today, we look to the future -

to the new dawn of Eastertide

**All: Let us go to live as people bathed in the light of  
resurrection. Alleluia!**

One: Today, we remember the day when creation was made  
new

when God showed humanity its destiny.

**All: Let us go as people living in the knowledge  
that through the triumph of Jesus over death  
the gates of heaven are re-opened.**

**Alleluia!**

Choral Amen: God Says

MV 172 vs 4

**God says, "Reach out! The world's in need  
And wants a word, a song, a deed.  
I send you forth to speak, to sing,  
To act for Christ in everything."**

Postlude: This is the Glory

VU 173

### 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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