

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



Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: Welcome Happy Morning VU 161

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 3-9

Opening Hymn Jesus Christ is Risen Today VU 155

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: VU 958

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
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Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gathering Prayer: (All)

God of resurrection, you have rolled the stone away and the tomb of our world has been opened wide. Be with us as we celebrate your liberating love today. Touch our hearts with your grace and wisdom, and release your resurrection power anew into every corner of our lives and world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Intergenerational Time:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

John 20:1-18

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn of Reflection: Now the Green Blade Rises VU 186

Reflection: "The Earthquake of Easter"

Responding

Special Music:

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts

Sung Response:

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy, I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Communion Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face
VU 459 vs 1-3

Sacrament of Communion

INVITATION

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

Holy One, on this joyful Easter Day...
So it is that, on this Easter morning,
we worship you and bless your name.

**Holy, holy, holy God.
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one that comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks for your resurrection promise
that there are new possibilities for us and our weary world...
So, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

This morning, we offer prayers for those who do not enjoy the grace
and peace of this table...
We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus, who taught us when we
pray to say together:

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING, POURING, SHARING

Prayer After Communion:

**For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted,
we give you thanks, O God. Now send us out in courage
and peace, to care for one another and all creation. In
Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: The Day of Resurrection VU 164

Blessing and Sending Forth:

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: In Christ There is No East or West VU 606

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