

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



Day of Pentecost Sunday May 31, 2020 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

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

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.

Gathering

Prelude:

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit:

MV 156

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin'
walk with the Spirit through-out the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-borning',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

Welcome

Call to Worship:

With rushing wind and holy fire...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With tongues of flame and hopes rekindled...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With visions birthed and dreams restored...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With spacious Grace and depth untold...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With rushing wind and holy fire...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Spirit of Pentecost, blow open the doors
of our shut up hearts.**

**Set our tongues free
to proclaim your praise.**

**Bless our youth with visions,
and our elders with dreams.**

**Bestow our children with gifts of prophecy,
and renew the faith of your people
throughout the world.**

**Blow into our lives, once more, Holy One,
and help us find the strength and courage
to become the people you call us to be. Amen**

**Opening Hymn: Come, Oh Holy Spirit MV 23

Story Time:

**Song of Praise: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker MV 30

Prayer of Confession

Promise of Assurance

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Acts 2:1-21

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

All: Thanks be to God

Reflection:

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

Communion Hymn: Here, O My Lord VU 459

Invitation

Acknowledge that we are gathered at many tables that are
one table
Everyone is welcome, for Christ is our host who invites us

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of endless love and mercy,

we give you thanks and praise

for you have been present in every generation.

You sang creation in to being,

and called it good.

You led your people to freedom, parting the waters of the sea,

and you guided us by a pillar of smoke and flame,

and you fed us with manna,

and you made water come from a rock.

You were with your people when we went into exile,

and you taught us to sing your songs in a strange land.

You were with your people, even when we turned away from you,

and you sent your prophets, calling us back to love.

When the time was right, you became human –

your Word took on human flesh –

teaching,

and healing,

and loving the world.

And even when we turned away from you

and nailed you to a cross,

your love is stronger than even death

and your resurrection had the final word.

When the time came for Parent and Child to be re-united,

you did not leave us alone,

but had one more surprise,

as you came to us as the Holy Spirit

in fire and wind and living water.

And so grateful for your presence in every generation,

we join our voices to the voice of all creation

as we sing your praises, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
God of vulnerable love,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

As we gather here at this table –
 this table which stretches to all of the places
 in which we are gathered today –
we remember that Jesus,
 on the night before he died,
Gathered with his friends around a table.
We remember that Jesus took a loaf of bread
 and he gave thanks,
 and he broke it, (*break now*)
 and he shared it with everyone who was gathered,
 saying:
 “Take and eat. This is my body, given for you.
 Each time you do this, remember me.”

We remember that after the meal,
Jesus took a cup of wine,
 and he gave thanks,
 and he shared it with everyone who was gathered,
 saying:
 “Take and drink. This is the cup of promise in my
 blood.
 Each time you do this, remember me.”

As we share the bread and the cup
 we remember Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection;
 we remember that God is always with us, by the Holy
 Spirit;
 we anticipate in hope the time that is coming
 when God’s peace and love will fill the whole

universe;

 and we offer ourselves as Christ’s Body in the world.
And as we share the bread and the cup,
 we proclaim the mystery of our faith, saying:
 Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit
 upon the bread and the cup,
 and upon all of us gathered in this virtual space.
May your Holy Spirit work across time and across distance,
 connecting us with each other,
 connecting us with you,
and transforming the bread, the wine, and us
 into the image and likeness of Christ.
As we eat and drink together,
 make us one in Christ,
 and make us one with Christ,
so that we might be the light of Christ’s love
 in the world.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory is yours, God most holy,
 now and forever,

Amen

And now we join our voices together in the prayer
 that Jesus teaches us to pray, saying:

**Our Father/Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
You who does not lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

The body of Christ, broken for us.

Thanks be to God for the bread of life.
(eat bread)

The blood of Christ, poured out for us.

Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing.
(drink juice)

Prayer after Communion:

**God of Pentecost Fire,
we thank you for always being with us.
We thank you for your presence
in every atom of creation.
We thank you for your presence
in the bread and in the cup.
We thank you for your presence with us,
closer to us than our very breath.
Keep the taste of the bread and the wine
on our lips and in our hearts,
so that we can know that you are with us,
and that we are your people
no matter where life takes us.
We pray this in and through Christ Jesus,
our host at the feast.
Amen.**

Communion Hymn: Here, O My Lord

VU 459

Prayers of Our Community:

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

VU 400

****Closing Hymn: I Have Called You By Your Name**

MV 161

****Sharing the Light**

****Commissioning and Benediction:**

****Choral Amen:**

VU 649

**Walk with me,
I will walk with you and
build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

Postlude:

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