Forest Hill United Church

An Affirming Congregation

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'

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Summer Worship
June 25, 2017 at 10 am

This morning's bulletin is dedicated by Joan Mitchell in memory of her mother Barbara Mitchell.

Welcome to worship! It is good that you are here. We are very pleased to welcome **Bob Jones** as our worship leader today. May you find the time spent here challenging for your mind, quieting for your body, and refreshing for your spirit. After our service, we invite you to join us for cold refreshments and a time of fellowship.

While there is no Sunday School for the summer months, children are most welcome to join us for the service. Quiet activities are available for busy hands.

Our greeters this morning is **Mary Grant**,
our teller is **May Houston** and **Joan Mitchell,**
our hospitality host is **Marilyn Lohnes**,
and our music is led by **Alex Good** and the **FHUC Choir**.

Forest Hill United Church is a safe place for all people to gather regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, family status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. All are welcome here!

Gathering

At the **, you are asked to rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude Prelude in C - JS Bach

Lighting the Candle

****Introit:** ***(Sung Together)*** #156 MV

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

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship*:* ***(Leader)***

Gathering Prayer: ***(Spoken Together)***

for Matthew 11:28-30
*"*Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me… For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
We hear your call and your promise, O Christ. Help us to release that which is a burden and take up the good news that is light and peace. ***Amen.***
Robin Wardlaw, *Glen Rhodes U.C., Toronto, Ont.*

****Opening Hymn:** I feel the winds of God #625 VU

Listening

Readings from Our Bible: **Richard Larin**

Psalm 84 P 800 VU

Mark 6 : 30 – 31

John 14 : 1 - 4

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

****Song of Praise:** Eternal Unchanging #223 VU

Message: "Home" Part 1

Special Music I am the Dream - Tuffts/ Gunn

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** ***(Sung Together)*** #33 MV

Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
hallelujah forever more!

Prayer over the Gifts

Loving God,
accept these gifts
as thanksgiving
for your many blessings.
Accept these gifts
as our commitment
to your kingdom.
Accept these gifts
and accept our lives.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Frances Flook, Emo/Devlin P.C., Emo, Ont

Hymn of reflection: Take up your cross VU 561

Prayers of the People ***(Spoken Together)***

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 too 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 forever. Amen

Prayer of Jesus from #916 VU

****Closing Hymn:** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #651 VU

****Sharing the Light**

****Blessing**

****Choral Response:** ***(Sung Together 2 Times)*** #958 VU

Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude: Prelude in C - JS Bach

Please submit your **announcements** to Kris for the Sunday bulletin by Noon on Thursday of each week to ensure that they are printed.

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Church News

Soccer Assistance. The teenager from the Syrian family we are sponsoring is interested in playing soccer this summer. He has been registered already, but we are looking for assistance with both the financial costs (aprox. $300 for registration fees and equipment) and with the transportation. He has practices/games from 7:30 to 9:00 every Monday and Wednesday until the middle of August at the Scotiabank North field (next to Willie O'Ree Place). If you can help, even in a small way, please contact Margie Roxborough (455-0576 or margie.roxborough@bellaliant.net).

First United Church, Truro, NS, has been selected to compete for prize money in the National Trust for Canada's "This Place Matters" competition. Please go to www.thisplacematters.ca and then go to Windows into the Future and click to help them win $40,000 to $60,000 towards replacing their church windows. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the bathrooms.

Ushers/Greeters needed: Please check your schedule to see if you are available for one or more Sundays to help out with set up and greeting our congregation on Sunday mornings. Signup sheet is on the back table. If you have any questions please feel free to ask me. Many thanks. Lorna McKnight

Planning for FHUC's 50th anniversary is getting under way. Libby Cassidy, our anniversary planning "champion", will be putting together a working group in the fall. In the mean time, Graham Powell is working on assembling a history of our banners and would appreciate any information that folks could add, especially on banners that were created by the Sunday School in days gone by. Please speak to him or email him at powell@unb.ca. In the fall, Libby will start digitizing photos of church folk and activities so if you come across any over the summer, please set them aside in a safe place at home until she can work on them. Please email Libby at libby.ejcassidy@gmail.com if you have any questions or suggestions.

Vacation Bible School 2017 "MAKER FUN FACTORY – created by God, built for a purpose" St. Paul's, Forest Hill and Wilmot United Churches will once again be joining together for our VBS program. WHEN: August 21-25 from 9:00 – 11:30 WHERE: Wilmot United Church AGES: age 4 and up. **** We will discover a world where curious children and youth become hands-on inventors and discover they're lovingly created by God. Great music, great stories, great crafts – great fun! We will use our hearts, minds and imagination to participate in the creative life of God remembering that God is with us wherever we go… so… mark your calendars. If you could help one morning and enjoy the fun, or help prepare snacks or activity projects, please call Annemarie (472-5270 or pmanson@nbnet.nb.ca)

Scripture Readers – are needed each week to assist during Worship Services. Please help Patricia Powell (455-8602), who coordinates readers, by indicating on the Reader Chart, which Sundays you would be available to read (√), if needed, and also when you would not be available (x). New readers are most welcome, and names could be added to the Chart.

Community Events

St. Paul's Organ Academy If you are a piano student . . . young or old . . . and would like to try your skills on a three-manual pipe organ, come along to St. Paul's United Church, 224 York Street on Saturday, July 8. Dr. Sharon Pond, organist at St. Paul's and Dr. Willis Noble, formerly at Christ Church Cathedral, are offering a day-long workshop where you will get a turn at the organ and learn the basics of performing Baroque music. The session starts at 9 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The fee for the day, including lunch, is $25. You can register in advance with either instructor at spond@bellaliant.net or willis.noble@gmail.com .

Minute for Missions
Help for Children in Congo

Our gifts for Mission & Service support children harmed by civil war. Let us hear a story from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Marie was 11 years old when she was raped and became pregnant. Her story is that of many girls in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The country's citizens have been traumatized by a long-standing and brutal conflict. During the civil war that ended in 2003, 5.4 million people died. Localized conflicts continue. Millions of people have been uprooted and displaced.

Many social services are not provided by the state, so hospitals and schools are run by churches, like Mission & Service partner Église du Christ au Congo, Department of Women, Children, and Family.

This partner has long supported unaccompanied children, many of whom are survivors of sexual violence. Some 150 of these children are gathered at PRENAO Light School. There they continue their education and get help dealing with the traumas they have experienced. Students and teachers receive a meal each day.

PRENAO also supports young girls who are mothers, like Marie. They learn a trade or skill that gives them an opportunity to earn a living and make a life for themselves and their children. They also receive psychological support. Marie is one of the girls PRENAO has helped. She now has eight-year-old twin boys. Through PRENAO she received an education, support, and trauma counselling. Her sons now attend PRENAO while Marie continues her studies at university.

We sing thanksgiving for our global partners, who are transforming lives.

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!