

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



5th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 6, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

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Gathering

Prelude: Morning Has Broken VU 409

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: MV 7

**Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.**

Call to Worship:

One: We come to worship today determined to follow the Christ

All: who calls us to a new understanding of fishing.

One: We come to worship with open hearts and minds

All: and souls ablaze for justice and equality.

One: We come to meet God and each other.

All: Let us worship in love and understanding.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

God of love, we come today celebrating Black History Month. As we gather, we ask you to come to us now as Jesus came to those first disciples on the lakeshore, calling them into a Beloved Community of love and justice. We pray for your Spirit's presence calling us to the same. Speak your peace and understanding to our hearts. Reveal yourself to us as we seek ways to sincerely worship together. May our celebration bring a new sense of unity, binding us together in your love. Amen.

Opening Hymn: I the Lord of Sea and Sky VU 509

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: see insert

Hymn of Praise: O Beautiful Gaia MV 41

A Time of Soul Searching:

O God, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call for unity among our kindred.

Forgive us when we are bound by our narrow understandings of discipleship.

Forgive us when we turn our backs on opportunities to secure a place in your Beloved Community.

Forgive us when we make excuses instead of being advocates of fairness and justice for the oppressed.

Forgive us when we fail to acknowledge each other.

-silent reflection-

Words of Assurance:

A New Creed: see insert

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 138 VU 860

Luke 5:1-11

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection:

Special Music: Video: Jesus Saw them Fishing MV 113
Nadine Martin & Libby Cassidy

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Sung Response: Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,

Spirit, open my heart.

Prayers of Dedication:

God who calls us to participate in your vision of justice for our world, Let these offerings become our response: all your people fed, all your people safe, all your people housed, all your people educated. Amen.

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Prayers from our Hearts:

Sung Response: And When You Call for Me MV 96

And when you call for me,

I have already answered.

And when you call for me,

I am already there.

Closing Hymn: Called by Earth and Sky MV 135

Benediction

Choral Ending:

MV 215

Peace be with you, peace forever,

peace be with you, my friends.

Till we meet again, may God be with you.

Peace, peace, peace.

Postlude: (please remain seated)

I Am the Dream

MV 106

Land Acknowledgement

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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