

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



1st Sunday after the Epiphany
January 8, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude:

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.

Introit: VU 96

**Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star,
it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?**

Call to Worship:

Gathering Prayer:

Opening Hymn: Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU 395

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Jim Cotter VU 916 A Paraphrase
Eternal Spirit, 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.
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.

Hymn of Praise: Spirit of God Descend upon My Heart VU 378
Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Prayer of Self Reflection:

-silent reflection-

Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Isaiah 42:1-9
Matthew 3:1-17
Acts 10:34-43

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn of Reflection: I Feel the Winds of God VU 625

Reflection: A New Year and A New Way

Special Music:

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 our Community:

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: Thine in the Glory VU 173

Commissioning and Blessing

Choral Amen: MV 220

**Hope shines as the solitary star,
faith is the inner light.
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
and illumine the pathway home.**

Postlude:

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Hospitality – May Houston

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Tuesday & Thursday 8:45 to 11:45 a.m.
