Forest Hill United Church

An Affirming Congregation

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'

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Summer Worship
July 9, 2017 at 10 am

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 are **Graham Powell** and **Patricia Powell**,
our teller is **Robert Christie,**
our hospitality hosts are **Graham Powell** and **Patricia Powell**,
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

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)***

God, you are full of surprises. We woke up this morning and found a new day had already begun even while we slept. What else was happening? Perhaps you were at work making miracles happen. Open our hearts and open our ears to experience your work among us.
Amen.

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

Listening

Readings from Our Bible: **Sandy MacMillan**

Psalm 45 P 769 VU

Luke 4 : 38 - 44

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

****Song of Praise:** Fairest Lord Jesus #341 VU

Message: The Battles of Life 1 - Disease

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 ***(Leader)***

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.

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For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and forever. Amen

Prayer of Jesus from #916 VU

****Closing Hymn:** Take, O Take Me as I Am #85 VU

****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:

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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If you call Bob Jones on his cell phone and don't get an answer, please try to call his house line right away, as he has a new phone.

Church News

Summer Bag Lunch Program Wednesday saw the start of the Summer Bag Lunch program. 2 coolers were delivered by Tim Thornton of Sodexo at about 9:20. Rather than bagged lunches, there were supplies of juice, bagged sandwiches, carrots, cookies, mustard, and napkins. Sodexo employees are volunteering their time to make up the 100+ lunches that are delivered daily to the MCA, Transition Houses and other venues, as well as the 20 lunches delivered Monday, Wednesday and Friday to FHUC. By 10am I had rounded up lunch bags and baggies for the carrots and had all the lunches bagged and in the fridge. If you are able to assist with this program, help is needed from 9-noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during July and August. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church, or phone Mary at 459-8525. If you are able to contribute paper lunch bags or snack ziploc's, please contact Mary to see if they are needed.

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). 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). We now have drivers to cover most of the transportation. However, we are looking for people to drive Aug 2, 9 and 16 (Wed 7:30 - 9 pm) and for relief drivers for Monday evenings if the regular driver cannot make it. Please contact Margie Roxborough (455-0576) for August and Annemarie Manson if you can help with relief driving. Thank you so much for your support.

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.

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 contact Annemarie (472-5270 or pmanson@nbnet.nb.ca)

Community Events

Enjoy Strawberry Shortcake and BBQ at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, on Wednesday, July 12, from 4:00-6:30 pm one hamburger or two hotdogs, beverage, fresh strawberry shortcake and whipped cream for only $10. Tell your friends and neighbours! All are welcome!

Minute for Missions
Thank You to Our Ministers

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the continuing education of ministers as well as those in the discernment process. Let us hear a story from the Rev. Bronwyn Corlett, Program Coordinator for Ministry Recruitment, reflecting on the role of ministers in life's joys and sorrows. "Life is full of ups and downs that we have the privilege to share with our communities of faith. "Thank you to our ministers who have answered God's call to lead in our communities of faith and continue to answer God's call again and again. Thank you for living out your call in The United Church of Canada. Thank you for being present in our big moments: baptisms and funerals, weddings and divorces, celebrations and crises. Thank you for visiting, witnessing, and walking with us. We appreciate your reminder that God is with us while we wrestle with life, faith, and love. "Thank you for your various gifts and unique service. Thank you for putting your own problems and pains on hold while you hold ours. Thank you for the sermons, prayers, visits, theological reflections, and worship. Thank you for the times you leave your families to be with someone else's. Thank you for your faithful leadership.