

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



11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 21, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Prelude:

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Lighting of Christ Candle

Introit: 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.**

Call to Worship:

One: We come to you O God, bound by the world:

Many: speak your liberation to us.

One: We come to you, O God, burdened by life:

Many: teach us how to laugh again.

One: We come to you, O God, weighed down by anxiety:

Many: give us new dance steps to follow.

One: Smooth our crumpled living, O God:

Many: that we might walk tall into life with you. Amen.

Opening Hymn: I Have Called You by Your Name MV161

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**We gather to praise you, O God, even though we don't
fully understand you. You are a fire we cannot touch. You
are a song we cannot quite sing. You are a sea whose
bottom we cannot search and a sky clouded over in ever
changing patterns. Even so, your fire warms us, your song
stirs us, your waters wash us clean and quench our thirst.
You shine on us and in us. And we praise you.**

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Paraphrased by Sarah Dylan Breuer

Loving Creator

we honour you, and we honour all that you have made.

Renew in the whole world in the image of your love.

Give us what we need for today,

and a hunger to see the whole world fed.

Strengthen us for what lies ahead;

heal us from the hurts of the past;

give us courage to follow your call in this moment.

For your love is the only power,

the only home,

the only honour we need,

in this world and in the world to come.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise: Like a Rock MV 92

Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

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One: We come to you, O God, burdened by life:

Many: teach us how to laugh again.

One: We come to you, O God, weighed down by anxiety:

Many: give us new dance steps to follow.

One: Smooth our crumpled living, O God:

Many: that we might walk tall into life with you.

Worship Ways

(a time of silent prayer)

Words of Assurance:

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Psalm 71: 1-6 VU 789 Part 1

Luke 13: 10-17

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn of Exploration: I Am A Child of God MV 157

Reflection: She Stood Up Straight

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts

Sung Response: Work for a World MV 127

**But with God the world is turned upside down
the poor are embraced and the lost they are found
Let's work for a world where all people are free
where it's good to feel good about God
loving you and me.**

Blessing the Gifts: (together)

**Fount of Every Blessing, receive these gifts in the joy in
which we bring them. May they bless your church, our
community and our world. May none suffer lack and may
we always give from generous hearts. May we always take
joy in being blessed to give and to share with you and each
other. Amen.**

Worship Ways

Prayers of Our Community:

Sung Response: When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides MV 169

**When hands reach out beyond divides
and hope is truly found,
each chain of hate will fall away
and bells of peace shall sound,
and bells of peace, of peace shall sound,
and bells of peace shall sound,
each chain of hate will fall away
and bells of peace shall sound.**

Closing Hymn: God of Freedom. God of Justice VU 700

Commissioning and Sharing the Light:

Choral Amen: Peace Be with You 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:

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Land Acknowledgment

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.

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