

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



Transfiguration/AGM Sunday – February 23, 2020 10 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

OFFICE HOURS

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Gathering

*At the **, please rise or remain seated as you desire.*

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit:

VU 477

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: From the coldest nights of winter
to the first welcome notes of spring,
All: we come to be transformed!
One: Just as Jesus changed and grew throughout his life,
All: we come to be transformed!
One: As we prepare to turn away from all those things that
would turn us from the path to the kingdom of God,
All: we come to be transformed!
One: Then let us sing as together with all creation,
All: we come to be transformed!

Anna Atkinson, Cedar U.C., Nanaimo, B.C. . Gathering, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2019-2020 page 56. Used with permission.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

One: God touches the world,
All: and the world changes.
One: God touches us,
All: and we are transformed.
One: In the brightness of day,
All: in the deepest part of night,
One: on mountain,
All: in valley,
One: everywhere.
All: In this time, together, we invite you, O God, to open our
hearts to the transformation of our lives and of the world.
One: And through the change—
All: let us know your presence with us. We worship, O God.
Alleluia! Amen.

At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is
built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqey land.

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.

For detailed announcements please see the
announcement page on the bulletin boards or easel in the sanctuary.

**Opening Hymn: Called by Earth and Sky MV135

A New Creed VU 918

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God

Story Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught

**Song of Praise: Give To Us Laughter VU624

During hymn, children and teachers will leave for Sunday School.

Prayer of Confession

Promise of Assurance

Exploring

Words from Our Bible: Annemarie Manson

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2 VU 725
Matthew 17:1-9

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

Special Music:

Reflection: Pain that is not transformed is transmitted. Richard Rohr

**Hymn of Reflection: Deep in Our Hearts MV154

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

**Offering Verse: VU 603 v.2

We are the hands and feet of Christ, serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice with truthful word and faithful deed.

**Prayer After Giving:

Prayers of Our Community:

VU 400

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us
grace!

**Closing Hymn: I Am the Light of the World VU87

**Sharing the Light

**Commissioning and Benediction:

**Choral Amen:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour
of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true, Know God
will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there,
watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen (Don Besig)

Postlude

Please join us for a light lunch and the 2020 AGM after church

Forest Hill Important Dates

1. Feb. 25th (Tuesday) Shrove Tuesday pancake supper 5:30

If we need to cancel services due to poor weather, a cancellation notice
will be on the main telephone line (455-0988), the Facebook page and an
email will be sent to the congregational list by 8:30 a.m.