

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



4th Sunday after Pentecost, June 20, 2021 10 a.m.  
2020-2021 Sunday School Closing and Picnic  
“A Journey Through Sunday School”

WELCOME to worship!

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## Gathering Together

Prelude

Welcome & Church News

Karen Flinn

Safe Space Acknowledgement (All):

Rachel Neville

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.

Land Acknowledgement (All):

Rachel Neville

We proudly and lovingly acknowledge the land and territory that we pray on as a congregation and family of the church. We acknowledge and pray for the peoples, ancestors and presence of the Indigenous people of Wolastoqiyik. We also acknowledge all of the Indigenous, Métis and Inuit of this great land of Turtle Island and their ancestors and all seven generations before and after us in this place, this church and country of Canada. Thanks be to God for all creation.

Nipin, Summer Is Here, Murray Pruden, UCC 2019

Centring Prayer:

Rachel Neville

One: Creator God, Great Spirit, we pray our thanks for the opportunity to gather in this sacred space.

Here we are most aware of the gift of wind:

All: and the four directions from which it comes.

One: Here we are most aware of the gift of sun:

All: and the four directions on which it shines.

One: Here we are most aware of the gift of humanity:

All: and the four directions in which we exist.

One: Here we are most aware of the gift of Creation

All: and the four directions which support our living, breathing and being.

One: This day we pray thanksgiving for the First Nations, Inuit and Métis people of Canada.

All: and we commit ourselves to be people of reconciliation in the tradition of our beloved Jesus.

We pray in his name. Amen.

Covenant of Reconciliation, Rev. Carolyn Wilson-Wynne, UCC 2020

Introit: Sing of a Blessing Seasons of the Spirit Volume 2

Call to Worship:

Mary Grant

One: In times of wandering

All: You guide us.

One: In times of drought

All: You feed us.

One: In times of weakness

All: You strengthen us.

One: In times of fearfulness

All: You comfort us.

One: For all the ways you care for us

All: We will forever give you thanks and praise.

World Refugee Day Prayer Service, Alydia Smith and Khwaka Kukubo, UCC 2014

Gathering Prayer (All):

Mary Grant

Come, Jesus, come.  
Come into our lives.  
Come into the pain.  
Come into the celebrations.  
Come into the loneliness.  
Come into the accomplishments.  
Come into all of our lives.  
Come, Jesus, come. Amen

Opening Prayer from Walk with Mary rotation. Unattributed in curriculum document.

Opening Hymn: Alleluia, Praise to God/Aleluya Y'in Oluwa MV 59

Alleluia, praise to God. (x2)  
Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God.  
Alleluia, praise to God.

Songs of joy sing out to God. (x2)  
Dancing and singing, we praise you, O God.  
Songs of joy sing out to God.

Beat the drums, sing out to God. (x2)  
Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God.  
Beat the drums, sing out to God.

Prayer that Jesus Taught (All):

Mary Grant

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.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. Amen.

Paraphrase by Jim Cotter, 1988

Song of Praise:

Sing a Happy Halleluia

VU 224

Sing a happy hallelujah,  
sing it out with heart and style,  
we're the echo of God's laughter,  
we're the image of God's smile.

Chorus:

Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone! (x2)

We're the proof of God's good humour,  
we're the twinkle in God's eye,  
made to shine, reflect the glory,  
given light and space to fly.

Chorus

Sarah laughed at God's good timing,  
Mary sang and David danced,  
Jesus smiled and hugged the children,  
so is life for us enhanced.

Chorus

Every day sing hallelujah!  
We are loved, though so absurd,  
human, foolish, chosen people,  
God still takes us at our word!

Chorus

## Exploring Together

Words from Our Bible:

Margie Roxborough

Genesis 25:19-34 and 27:1-45

Of Sheep and Wives

May Houston, Beth Ann MacKinnon,

Joan Mitchell, Diane Robinson

Jacob and Mary rotation. Unattributed in curriculum document.

## Baptism of Jesus

John Neville

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9L2ARmPpA78>, <https://coolscienceexperimentshq.com/water-pour-into-glass/> and <https://www.stevespanglerscience.com/2014/09/23/5-cool-science-experiments-using-pretty-much-nothing-water/>

## Responding Together

Presentation of our Gifts: Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher

We give these gifts freely, we receive these gifts gratefully.  
We dedicate these gifts to the work of our congregation:  
serving human wholeness, caring for our planet, upholding  
religious freedom, welcoming the stranger, loving one another.  
The Seven Grandfather Teachings, Deb Anderson Pratt, UCC 2020

## Banner Presentation and Dedication

Karen Flinn, Margie Roxborough, Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher

## Wedding at Cana – “Ms. Festival” monologue by Helen McNeil

Karen Flinn

## Prayers of Our Community

Margie Roxborough

Prayer Response: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 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!

## Going Forth Together

## Closing Remarks

Margie Roxborough

## Closing Prayer (All):

Margie Roxborough

Holy God, may our words and actions  
cause ripples of love and care  
for creation, each other and for you.  
Amen.

Jacob and Esau rotation. Unattributed in curriculum document.

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
while you go out with joy.

Commissioning and Benediction: Rev. Deborah Ambridge Fisher

One: As God's united yet diverse peoples, we go to become  
neighbours to each other and to the earth.

All: For in Christ we are all kin. We are called to be  
neighbours, to share generously with each other.

One: As we learn more, love more, we all can gain, not  
lose!

All: God as Creator will be our rock. Christ and Spirit be  
our guides.

One: May the Holy Three, Creator Spirit, Lord God, Papa  
Jesus, remind us of community.

So with grace, mercy and peace, go in truth, justice,  
love and hope.

Being a Good Neighbour, Read Sherman, UCC 2021 and The Seven Grandfather Teachings,  
Deb Anderson Pratt, UCC 2020

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