

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



6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 9, 2023 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: Morning Has Broken VU 409

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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Introit: Spirit Open My Heart refrain MV79
**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:

We gather together this morning, in this sacred space. open to God's presence

We gather as a community thankful for all that we have been given.

We have come for a glimpse of a world where love can live and all can safely dwell.

We have come to be fed so we may go forth renewed, refreshed and full of hope.

Let us join our hearts together in worship.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

O Holy One,

**As we gather together this summer day,
open our eyes that we may see the love that surrounds and sustains us..**

Enable us to become people of hope and of life.

**Fill us with your gentle caring spirit,
that we may walk from this service
strengthen by the words spoken .and the praises sung. Amen**

**Opening Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me VU 567

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 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: Dance with the Spirit MV 156
Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Prayer of Self Reflection:
Spirit of Life VU 381

Words of Prayer

-silent reflection-

Words of Assurance:

Spirit of Life VU 381

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection: "Touch of Grace"

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts

Sung Response: Praise God from Who, All Blessings Flow VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Prayers of our Community:

Sung Response: Take, O Take Me As I Am MV 85

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

**Closing Hymn: May the God of Hope VU424

Commissioning and Blessing:

**Choral Amen: When You Walk from Here VU298

**When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.**

Postlude: God Be With You Till We Meet Again VU 422

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