

Forest Hill United Church

An Affirming Congregation



Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2017 at 10 am

**"Pursue some path, however narrow and crooked,
in which you can walk with love and reverence."**

Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)
American Philosopher

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.

Our worship leader is **Rev. Bob Jones**,

and our music director is **Alex Good**,

who leads us with the assistance of the **FHUC Choir**.

Our greeters this morning is **May Houston**,

Our Sunday School Teachers are **Jula Hughes** and **Mary Grant**,

and our tellers are **Bob Fisher** and **Lorna McKnight**.

And our Hospitality Host is **Marilyn Lohnes**.

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!

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Gathering Together

At the **, please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude:

Welcoming the Light

****Introit: (Sung Together)**

#59 MV, v.1

**Alleluia, praise to God. Alleluia, praise to God.
Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God.
Alleluia, praise to God.**

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship:

Prayer of Approach: (Spoken Together)

Lord of new life and new beginnings

Lord of healing and hope.

We gather to rejoice.

We gather to sing praise.

We gather to worship your holy name.

Receive now our worship in song, word and prayer

Be our way.

Be our truth.

Be our life.

Amen.

****Opening Hymn: #320 VU O for a Thousand Tongues**

Exploring Together

Words from Our Bible:

May Houston

First Reading: **Luke 12:22-32**

One: This is the Word of Hope – the Word for All.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

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Story Time

****Song of Praise:** #327 VU Blessed Assurance

*After the hymn, children, youth and teachers
will leave for Sunday School.*

Special Music: Morning Has Broken by Eleanor Farjeon

Message: Some thoughts for a Church in Transition
Hebrews 12:1-3

****Hymn of Reflection:** #674 VU Fight the Good Fight

Going Forth Together

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** *(Spoken Together)* #191 VU,

Mighty God,
By your power you raised Jesus Christ to rule over us.
We praise you that he puts down tyrannies
That threaten to destroy us,
And unmasks powers that claim our allegiance.
We thank you that he alone commands our lives,
And gives us freedom to love the world.
Glory to you for the gift of his life!
Glory to you for his saving death!
Glory to you for Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns as our risen Lord. Amen.

****Dedication**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lords Prayer *(Spoken Together)*

****Closing Hymn:** #675 VU Will Your Anchor Hold?

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BENEDICTION

****Blessing**

****Choral Response:** *(Sung Together)* #161 MV

**I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and asked you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called and chosen; you are mine.**

Postlude:

*Please join us for coffee and conversation directly following the
service.*

OFFICE INFORMATION

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Roast Beef Supper Saturday, 13 May 4-6 p.m.

Quilt Group	Wednesdays 1-3 pm Upper Room
Choir Practice	Sunday at 11:30-12:30 in the Choir Room

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Ali's New Address 6-638 Forest Hill Road, Fredericton, NB, E3B 4K6

HIKE FOR HOSPICE: The Hike will take place on 7th May this year, will those who are taking part in the Hike this afternoon please meet with Jennifer immediately after service.

A Roast Beef Supper and Bake Sale at Forest Hill United Church from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 13 May. Prices for the meal are \$13.00 for adults, \$6.00 for those of ages 6 – 12, and those 5 and under, are free. Celiac meals and take-outs will be available. The meal area is wheelchair accessible.

Scripture Readers – are needed each week to assist during Worship Services. Please help Patricia Powell (455-8602), who coordinates readers, by indicating on the Reader Chart, which Sundays you would be available to read (✓), if needed, and also when you would not be available (x). New readers are most welcome, and names could be added to the Chart.

Community Events

When Love Hurts: Understanding & Healing Domestic Abuse
Grace Memorial Baptist Church will offer a 4 week support group to help those who are caught in the painful cycle of abuse. The video and discussion series will be held from 7-9 PM on Tuesdays, April 25-May 16. For more information or to register please call the church office 458-8527.

UCW Bridge Luncheon Book your table now for our upcoming Bridge Luncheon. **Thursday, May 11th, at 12 noon.** At the Nashwaaksis United Church gym. Tables are \$40.00. Contact Connie – 472-4744

TAKE-OUT Chicken BBQ – Friday, May 12, 4:00-6:00 - Nashwaaksis

United Church. We invite you to start your week-end with a delicious BBQ boneless chicken breast, potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw, roll and a tart. Cost is \$10. Please reserve your take-out order by Thursday, May 11 at 6:00 pm by calling Rindy or Tom at 450-7151. Some will also be available at the door.

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The Penniac Rec Centre will be having their monthly breakfast on Saturday, May 14th, 7:00-10:30 am. Eggs, pancakes, beans, ham, and sausage will be served. Price is \$7.00.

"The AMUsing Comedy & Music Tour" will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church on Sunday, May 21 at 7:00 PM. This is a program for the whole family to enjoy. Tickets \$10 in advance from the church office; \$15 at the door, or online at <https://tickets.buzztix.com/event/amusingfrederickton>.

Minute for Missions

Missionary, Moderator, Faithful Follower

Our gifts for Mission & Service support overseas personnel. We celebrate the Mission & Service foundation of missionaries like Dr. Robert Baird McClure!

The thick file on Dr. McClure at the United Church Archives contains many newspaper articles, images, and personal stories about this incredible man. He went from being the child of missionaries, to a doctor in China in the 1930s and 1940s, to the first lay Moderator of The United Church of Canada.

By all accounts, Dr. McClure had a sparkle and a passion to make a difference in the world. Many people have spoken of the way he inspired them to go into ministry or become medical missionaries across the globe. His legacy of caring for and about people lives on even today in Canada and in China, where he is still revered.

McClure went wherever there was a need, often doing so by putting himself in danger of becoming a prisoner of war in China during World

War 2, or contracting infectious diseases such as typhus. He laid the foundation of social justice as a way to live out our faith.

We make a difference when we answer God's call. Dr. McClure called many to make a difference, and his calling inspires us today! We sing thanksgiving for those who have inspired us to be part of a global church.