



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



13th day after Pentecost
September 7, 2025 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: There is Room for All

MV 62

Welcome and Announcements:

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

MV 79 refrain

**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:

Generous God, I come to you again holding out my waiting heart like a cup, begging that it first be emptied of all that blocks the way. I pray you for its filling with love that tastes like you through prayer, worship and song. Amen.

Opening Prayer:

Extravagant God, you pour out blessings upon us and lead us on the path of true life. Help us to choose your way again and again, that we might revel in your love and reflect it with all we meet. In the name of Jesus our teacher we pray. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:**

Just As I Am

VU 508

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance:

Listen for the sound of forgiveness poured out:

We, are in Christ and made new each day. Everything old has passed away. Your stories are known, your path has been made clear your heart, in Divine love has been made anew.

All: Thanks be to our Creator. Amen.

****Hymn of Praise: Praise Our Maker**

VU 316

Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Exploring

Words from the Inclusive Bible:

Dorma Grant

Psalms 139: 1-6, 13-18 VU 861-862

Philemon 1-21

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

All: Thanks be to God

Message:

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts:

Jesus says if we would learn from him, we must follow him.
Therefore, be generous with the fruit of your life and labor
on behalf of the good we are called to do for Christ.

Sung Response: Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands VU 537

**Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.
Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.**

Prayer of Dedication: (together)

**We give you thanks this day for the goodness and love
that you have shown to us in Christ and pray your
blessing be upon these gifts of time and talent. May they
build your love in Creation. Amen.**

Mission and Service Story:

Dorma Grant
Our Past, Present, and Future

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer: Parker J. Palmer

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come.
We pray that your good will be done.
Let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need.
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us.
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence.
Beyond the evil of our days
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One.**

We Go Out As God's People

****Blessing Hymn:** Ka mana'o 'T'O MV 103

**** Commissioning and Blessing:**

Go into this week to love and serve the living Christ.
May The Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer keep you
in love, challenge you in faith and sustain you with grace,
this day and always. Amen.

**** Choral Amen:** When You Walk From Here VU 298
When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.

Postlude: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU 651

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Today we thank Ron Blakney and Robert Christie
for taking care of the upkeep of the
manse and church properties.

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