Forest Hill United Church

An Affirming Congregation

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'

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Summer Worship
July 23, 2017 at 10 am

Welcome to worship! It is good that you are here. We are very pleased to welcome **Bob Jones** as our worship leader today. May you find the time spent here challenging for your mind, quieting for your body, and refreshing for your spirit. After our service, we invite you to join us for cold refreshments and a time of fellowship.

While there is no Sunday School for the summer months,
children are most welcome to join us for the service.
Quiet activities are available for busy hands.

Our greeters this morning are **Graham Powell** and **Patricia Powell**,
our teller is **Jean Fisher,**
our hospitality hosts are **Graham Powell** and **Patricia Powell**,
and our music is led by **Alex Good** and the **FHUC Choir**.

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!

Gathering

At the **, you are asked to rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude

Lighting the Candle

****Introit:** ***(Sung Together)*** #156 MV

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship*:* ***(Leader)***

Gathering Prayer: ***(Spoken Together)***

As on a first day you began the work of creating us; as on a first day you raised your son from the dead; so on this first day, loving creator, recreate us; and as the week is new, let our lives begin again because of Jesus who shows us your loving power. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** God, Reveal Your Presence #391 VU

Listening

Readings from Our Bible: **Robert Christie**

Psalm 139 P 861 VU

Philippians 4 : 4 - 13

Luke 7 : 21 - 23

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

****Song of Praise:** God Says #172 MV

Message: The Battles of Life 3 – Unhappiness

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** ***(Sung Together)*** #33 MV

Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
hallelujah forever more!

Prayer over the Gifts ***(Leader)***

Prayers of the People ***(Spoken Together)***

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.

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From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, Now and forever. Amen

Prayer of Jesus from #916 VU

****Closing Hymn:** In Christ There Is No East or West #606 VU

****Blessing**

****Choral Response:** ***(Sung Together 2 Times)*** #958 VU

Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude:

Please submit your **announcements** to Kris for the Sunday bulletin by Noon on Thursday of each week to ensure that they are printed.

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Church News

Ushers/Greeters needed: Please check your schedule to see if you are available for one or more Sundays to help out with set up and greeting our congregation on Sunday mornings. Signup sheet is on the back table. If you have any questions please feel free to ask me. Many thanks. Lorna McKnight

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.

Summer Bag Lunch Program Wednesday saw the start of the Summer Bag Lunch program. 2 coolers were delivered by Tim Thornton of Sodexo at about 9:20. Rather than bagged lunches, there were supplies of juice, bagged sandwiches, carrots, cookies, mustard, and napkins. Sodexo employees are volunteering their time to make up the 100+ lunches that are delivered daily to the Multicultural Association, Transition Houses and other venues, as well as the 20 lunches delivered Monday, Wednesday and Friday to FHUC. By 10am I had rounded up lunch bags and baggies for the carrots and had all the lunches bagged and in the fridge.
If you are able to assist with this program, help is needed from 9-noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during July and August. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church, or phone Mary at 459-8525. If you are able to contribute paper lunch bags or snack ziploc's, please contact Mary to see if they are needed.

Soccer Assistance. The teenager from the Syrian family we are sponsoring is interested in playing soccer this summer. He has been registered already, but we are looking for assistance with both the financial costs (aprox. $300 for registration fees and equipment). He has practices/games from 7:30 to 9:00 every Monday and Wednesday until the middle of August at the Scotiabank North field (next to Willie O'Ree Place). We now have drivers to cover most of the transportation. However, we are looking for people to drive Aug 2, 9 and 16 (Wed 7:30 - 9 pm) and for relief drivers for Monday evenings if the regular driver cannot make it. Please contact Margie Roxborough (455-0576) for August and Annemarie Manson if you can help with relief driving. Thank you so much for your support.

Vacation Bible School 2017 "MAKER FUN FACTORY – created by God, built for a purpose" St. Paul's, Forest Hill and Wilmot United Churches will once again be joining together for our VBS program. WHEN: August 21-25 from 9:00 – 11:30 WHERE: Wilmot United Church AGES: age 4 and up. **** We will discover a world where curious children and youth become hands-on inventors and discover they're lovingly created by God. Great music, great stories, great crafts – great fun! We will use our hearts, minds and imagination to participate in the creative life of God remembering that God is with us wherever we go… so… mark your calendars. If you could help one morning and enjoy the fun, or help prepare snacks or activity projects, please contact Annemarie (472-5270 or pmanson@nbnet.nb.ca)

Community Events

SUMMER HYMN SINGS - Join us in the sanctuary of Brunswick Street Baptist Church on Wednesdays July 26 and August 16 at 7 pm for an hour of singing your favourite hymns! In July our organist will be David Berry and in August, David and Leah Steeves will accompany on the organ and piano. Come sing praise to the Lord! Ice cream sandwiches to follow! All welcome!

Gibson will be offering a **Vacation Bible School** (VBS), Aug. 14 – 18th. **Vacation Bible School Details:**

Ages: 4 – 10 years old
Time: 9 – 12 noon
Drop off & pick up times: 8:30 – 12:30 or other arrangements
Cost: Free; Please register by calling 457-1951.

Minute for Missions / A House of Welcome

Our gifts for Mission & Service provide refuge. Let us hear this story. The solid door opens to a place of warmth and welcome for young women between the ages of 16 and 30 who find themselves on the street for a variety of reasons. Naomi House in St. John's, Newfoundland, a part of Stella's Circle, is the former home of the founder and namesake of social worker Stella Burry.
A large portrait of Burry looks on as the women eat together around the large oak table. Burry worked with The United Church of Canada to introduce community development to the people of St. John's in the 1930s, and her legacy is still making a difference today.
The staff of Naomi House offer emergency help, housing, and employment support to young women. The rooms the women stay in are simply furnished, yet there is a sense of comfort and safety here. Sitting in the dining room, the chatter and laughter of the two young women who are preparing the afternoon meal fills the hallways.
Naomi House has been mending the lives of young women for decades. We sing thanksgiving that together through our gifts for Mission & Service we can change lives and mend the world!
If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!