

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



Easter and Communion Sunday
March 31, 2024 11:30 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Those going to Sunday School will leave now

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

Prelude: Welcome Happy Morning

VU 161

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: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

VU 958

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! (Hallelujah!)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Call to Worship:

I invite you now to enter into this sacred space -
to come together and worship on this Easter Sunday,

I invite you to worship with hope bound by grace and love.

Come let us worship the Living God.

Gathering Prayer: (all)

**We come this day in joy, O God,
to celebrate again the wonderful miracle
that You bring life out of death.**

**The resurrection of Jesus
reminds us that nothing –
absolutely nothing –
can separate us from Your love.
Alleluia and Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: Morning Has Broken

VU 409

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: M. Furlong, The St. Hilda Community
**God, who cares for us,
The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.**

**Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.
Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.
Give us the food and the hope we need for today.**

**Forgive us our wrongdoing
as we forgive the wrongs done to us.
Protect us from pride and from despair
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.**

**In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,
while worlds come and go.
Amen. (MFurlong/nwi)**

**Hymn of Praise: Christ, within Us Hidden

MV 162

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Gospel Reading John 20:1-18

One: This is the witness that has been passed down to us.

All: Thanks be to God

Reflection: New Life, New Hope

Special Music

Responding

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts

Sung Response: Grateful MV 182

**Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing
over all, O God of Love.**

Prayers of the People

Prayer response My Peace My Peace by Arlo Guthrie

**My peace, my peace is all I've got that I can give to you.
My peace is all I've ever had, it's all I ever knew.
I give my peace to red and white,
to green and black and blue.
My peace, my peace is all I've got that I can give to you.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Hymn: All Who Hunger VU 460

Words of Communion

Breaking of the Bread and Filling of the Cup

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion: (all)

**Thank you, God,
for inviting us to your table.
Thank you, for sharing Jesus -
back then and right now.
As you strengthen our faith,
help us to be your love
in the world. Amen!**

**Closing Hymn: I Have Called You By Your Name MV 161

Commissioning and Blessing:

**Choral Amen: Great Amen MV 205

**Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One,
Hosanna and Amen.**

Postlude: I Feel the Winds of God VU 625

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