



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



3rd Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024 11:30 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: As the Sun With Longer Journey VU 111

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.

Extinguishing the Third Lenten Candle

**Introit: Gather Us In MV 7

**Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
Ground us, ground us in you.**

Call to Worship:

One: Behold the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah

People: Not according to the covenant I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand out of the land of Egypt. My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord

ALL: But this is the covenant that I will make with the House of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord my strength and my redeemer.

**Opening Hymn: Let Us Build a House MV 1

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: adaptation from the original Aramaic Translations by Neil-Douglas Klotz in Prayers of the Cosmos
**Creator God, Father-Mother of the Cosmos.
Focus your light within us, and make it useful.
Create your reign of unity now.
Through our fiery hearts and willing hands,
help us love beyond our ideals and sprout acts of compassion for all creatures. Animate the earth within so that we can feel the wisdom underneath supporting all.
Untangle the knots within so that we can mend our hearts' simple ties to each other.
Don't let surface things delude us, but free us from what holds us back from our true purpose.
Out of you, the astonishing fire, returning light, and the sound the cosmos. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise: My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV 138
Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Prayer of Self Reflection:

Time for Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Exodus 20: 1-17
Psalm 19, VU 740-741
1 Corinth 1: 18-25
John 2: 13-22

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God
All: **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn of Reflection: Be Thou My Vision VU 642

Reflection The craziness of the cross

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts:

Sung Response: What Can I Do MV 191

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

Dedication of Offering:

Prayers of the Community:

Sung Response: Stay With Us Through the Night VU 182 Verse 1

**Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the pain.
Stay with us,
blessed stranger till the morning breaks again.**

**Closing Hymn: Go Make a Difference MV 209

Commissioning and Blessing:

**Choral Amen: May the God of Peace (X2) MV 224

**May the God of peace and of all good,
may the God of peace and of all good
be always with you. Amen!
May God's peace be with you.
Amen!**

Postlude: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life VU 681

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