



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



Creation 1
14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 14th, 2025 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: Amazing Grace VU 266

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: Like a Rock MV 92

**Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God
evermore.**

Call to Worship:

God of all creation, we gather together this morning in this sacred space open to Your presence

**We gather as a community that breathes thankfulness
for all that we have been given.**

We have come for a glimpse of Your kingdom of kindness--
a world where love rules over all,
and distinctions between friend and foe evaporate in
the light of your love.

**We come to be fed so that we may go forth renewed
and full of hope.**

Opening Prayer:

Wondrous God, You touch our lives with grace, with love
and with healing.

New life is Your gift.

We praise You for the Good News which is ours through
Jesus, our brother.

May this time of worship nourish us with Your promise of
meaning and of purpose.

May we be empowered to carry Your goodness into the
coming week.

We pray this in Jesus' name

Amen

****Opening Hymn:** Love Us Into Fullness

MV 81

Storytime for the Young and the Young at Heart

Connecting to Our Heart's Longing

based on a prayer written by The Rev Alf Dumont

Spoken Prayer:

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance:

Let Your breath, O God, fill us with life anew,
that we might love as You love and do what You would do.

Let us know the peace that comes from good relations with each other and with You, The Creator, who has chosen to walk with us.

Amen

****Hymn of Praise:** O Beautiful Gaia MV 41
Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Exploring

Words from Our Bible: Diane Robinson
Luke 15: 1-10

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

Message: *Finding Hope*

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts:

Sung Response: Creator God, You Gave Us Life MV 27
(Vs 3 + chorus)

**When with our hearts, our hands, our minds,
we share our gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God.
Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.**

Prayer of Dedication: (together)
Thank you, God, for the gifts and ministries of Your people.
Grant that this offering,
given in thankfulness for all the blessings You have given us,

.....will fill empty hearts with love,
.....provide care for the hurting
..... and celebration for the rejoicing.
Bless all these gifts that we offer this day. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer: Reverend Sherri J Weinberg

God - heart of the world:
revealed through every aspect of creation:
understood through our awareness.
May we honour the holiness of creation and act
accordingly
so that your love is reflected in the way we live.
May we always be thankful for the food we eat
and the friends we have.
May we forgive those who transgress against us
and be forgiven for our own.
In the freedom of love may we live as your heartbeat
and not be compromised by hesitation.
Through our freedom, may your justice
be seen and heard and experienced
forever and ever. Amen.

We Go Out As God's People

****Blessing Hymn:** Grateful MV 182

**** Commissioning and Blessing:**

**** Choral Amen:** God Says MV 172 (vs. 4)

God says, "Reach out! The world's in need
and wants a word, a song, a deed.
I send you forth to speak, to sing,
to act for Christ in everything."

Postlude: How Great Thou Art VU 238

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Today we send a thank you to our **Worship Team**

Joan Mitchell, Mary-Anne Blakney, Jean Fisher and Mary Grant
for their dedication and arranging services throughout the summer.

Music Team– Alex Good, Brian Cassidy and Libby Cassidy

Administrative Assistant - Kris Yarych
Tuesday & Thursday 8:45 to 11:45 a.m.



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