



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



3rd Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024 11:30 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: Joyful Joyful VU 222

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 Christ Candle

**Introit: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah VU 958
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (Hallelujah!)
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Call to Worship:

One: O God, be gracious to me and hear my prayer.
All: Know that God has set us apart and hears us when we call.

One: O God, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.
All: O God, be gracious to us and hear our prayer.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

Author of life, you have given us breath to praise you, eyes to behold your mercy and words to proclaim your abiding love. Breathe upon us the promised Holy Spirit, that our minds may be opened to your wisdom and our tongues may boldly declare that you alone are God. Amen.

**Opening Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide MV 145

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.**

**Hymn of Praise: Jesus Loves Me VU 365
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:

1 John 3: 1-7,
Luke 24: 35-48

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn of Reflection: I am a Child of God MV 157

Reflection

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.**

**Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.**

Dedication of Offering:

**Giver of eternal gladness, Fountain of life,, all that we have
is a gift from you. Accept now these offerings of
thanksgiving, symbols of our grateful response to Christ's
sacrifice for us. Use our gifts to spread the good news of
repentance and forgiveness of sins. May they bring times
of refreshment as results of Christ's presence. Amen**

Prayers of the Community:

Sung 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.**

**Closing Hymn: Love is the Touch MV 89

Commissioning and Blessing:

**Choral Amen: God Says MV 172 vs 1

**God says, "Be still so you may hear
the words I whisper in your ear.
If you will listen, you will know
I'm with you always where you go."**

Postlude: Called By Earth and Sky

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