



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



Creation 4
World Communion Sunday
October 5, 2025 10 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: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy VU 271

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:

**The Bread of Life to nourish our souls. The Cup of
Blessing is filled and overflowing. The Gifts of God are**

for all creation! So we gather with thanksgiving. So we gather with wonder and hope. So we gather as Christ's people.

Opening Prayer: (Together)

God of the small seed, God of the forever feast, you have planted in us a harvest that bursts at our seams. Our cups are overflowing with the hope of Christ's call. Thank you for the abundance of life that you have called into being. Thank you for the abundance of life that we are able to share. Thank you for this community of love made complete by your Love. May our time together be a sign and symbol of your never-ending love. As Jesus' people, we ask it. Amen

****Opening Hymn:** Come in, Come in and Sit Down VU 395

Prayer of Self Reflection:

In Music: Come Touch Our Hearts (MV 12 – v 1)
**Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.**

In Words: Spoken Prayer
 Silent Prayer
 Words of Assurance

In Music: Come Touch Our Hearts (MV 12 – v 4)

**Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve,
come touch and bless our wills.**

****Hymn of Praise:** Touch the Earth Lightly VU 307

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

John Neville

Luke 17:1-10

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

Thanks be to God

Message: Forgiveness is So Hard! How to eat at the Same Table

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)

**The bread and cup are signs and symbols of
communion at your table, Holy One. But they are not
our only signs. They are not our only symbols. You
have given us so many wonderful gifts. So we bring to
the table all you have given us. You have blessed it all.
We are grateful to bottom of our hearts. 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.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation

Pre-Communion Hymn: All Who Hunger VU 460 vs 1&2

Words of Communion:

Leader: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: And so, with every part of creation,
everything that was, is, and will be,
we join together with others around the world
in our song of praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy. You are holy, God.

Breaking of the Bread and Filling of the Cup
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion: (all)

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of Life.

We are fed by your love;
We are strengthened by your life.
.....We are sent forth into this world to live
Into the visions God has laid on our hearts.
We are now commissioned to:
Feed as we have been fed,
Forgive as we have been forgiven,
Love as we have been loved.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Post-Communion Hymn: All Who Hunger VU 460 vs 3

We Go Out As God's People

****Blessing Hymn:** Build a longer table TLUS 22

**** Commissioning and Benediction:**

**** 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: Let Us Break Bread Together VU 480

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Today we thank you, **our congregation!**
From the first, the people who have attended
and supported Forest Hill United Church
have created a vibrant, caring Community of Faith.

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