



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



25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023 11:30 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: I Am a Child of God MV 157

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: The Web of Life – Maria Case
A strand in the web of life let me be,
a string on the harp that the Spir-it plays,
At one with the sky and earth and the sea,
In the web of life let me be, let me be,
in the web of life let me be.

Call to Worship:

One: Offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High

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All: And what does God require from us but that we let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everlasting stream.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

O God, your justice is like the waters that cleanse us from all iniquity, your righteousness like streams of goodness washing our soul. As we open our hearts to you, you purify the thoughts of our minds by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, You show us actions of justice and love through the life of your Son, Jesus Christ. This day we give you praise in response to your grace. Amen

**Opening Hymn: Open My Eyes, That I May See VU 371

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: 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.

**Hymn of Praise: Jesus Bids Us Shine VU 585
Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Prayer of Self Reflection:

silent reflection-
Words of Assurance

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Exploring

Words from Our Bible:
Matthew 25:1-13
Amos 5:21-24

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:

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts:

Offertory Prayer:

God, this day, we offer our prayers of thanksgiving. Words of praise and adoration are due to you. You take no delight in our misdirected offerings or our attention to idols that keep us from your work. Help us to be open to being truly faithful, and bless our offerings that they might help bring justice and change to the world.

Amen

Sung Response: For the Gift of Creation VU 538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Prayers of the Community:

Sung Response: And When You Call For Me MV 96

**And when you call for me,
I have already answered.
And when you call for me,
I am already there.**

**Closing Hymn: Sent Out in Jesus' Name MV 212

Commissioning and Blessing:

**Choral Amen: We Are One VU 402 vs 4

**We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.**

Postlude: Deep in Our Hearts MV 154

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