

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



Reign of Christ Sunday
Communion Sunday
November 26, 2023 11:30 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: The Church's One Foundation VU 331

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: Dance with the Spirit MV 156
**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin', walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin', listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

Call to Worship:

**We worship our Maker, who delights in diversity;
We worship the Lover, who in Jesus reached out and accepted and embraced everyone, despite all social, class, ethnic and spiritual barriers.
We worship the Keeper, the Spirit who continues to break down the walls that divide us. Thanks be to God! Amen**

**Opening Hymn: All Who Hunger VU 460

A Prayer for the Reign of Christ VU 214

Prayer of Self Reflection:

One: Grace giving God, be with us as we open our hearts to you.

All: Hear our prayers, O God.

One: We identify with the church home in which we find comfort.

All: Hear our prayers, O God.

One: We cling to those things to which we are accustomed and are uncertain of how we will fit into new situations.

All: Hear our prayers, O God.

One: We know change is inevitable and our reluctance to change can hide the positives.

All: Hear our prayers, O God.

One: As we embrace the changes before us, be with us and hear the thoughts of our hearts as we bring them to you in silence.

-Moment of silent prayer-

Words of Assurance: Prayer that Jesus Taught:

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.**

Father and Mother of us all,

loving God, in whom is heaven:

the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth!
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord Is King VU 213

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:
Isaiah 43: 1-3, 18-19
Luke 24: 13-35

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

Reflection: Behold the New Thing God is Doing!

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts

Sung Response: Grateful adapted 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.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion
(See communion insert)

**Closing Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns VU 211

Commissioning and Blessing:

Let us give all thanks and glory to God,
**whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church, and through the Spirit,
now and forever,
Amen.

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

**We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace as we meet,
together in this place.**

Postlude: Ashokan Farewell by Jay Unger,
arr. Anthony Lecaillon

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