



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



4th Sunday of Easter
Affirm Anniversary
April 21, 2024 11:30 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: We Are One VU 402

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.

Affirm Presentation Jean Fisher

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: God of All the World MV 22
**God of all the world,
we have come to give you thanks
and become more like you.**

Call to Worship:

One: For I considered all of this in my heart, so that I could declare it all
All: **That the righteous and the wise and their works are in the hand of God**

Gathering Prayer: (All)

O Lord you have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up. Search me O God and know my heart; And lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

**Opening Hymn: We Are a Rainbow David Kai

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: Deep in Our Hearts MV 154
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:

Acts 4: 5-12,
Psalm 23 VU 749 refrain 2
1 John 3: 16-24,
John 10: 11-18

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

**Hymn of Reflection: How Could Anyone Ever Tell You
Karen Drucker

Reflection

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts:

Sung Response: This is My Body MV 177 Verse 3
**You are by body, born of my breathing;
you are my hands, wrinkled or smooth;
as you are living, learn to be loving,
give me the best that you have.**

Dedication of Offering:

Prayers of the Community:

Sung Response: Spirit God, Be Our Breath MV 150 vs 1
**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn...
Spirit God, be our song.**

**Closing Hymn: When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides MV 169

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: As The Deer VU 766

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