



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



19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 19th, 2025 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: God, Whose Almighty Word VU 313

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.

Introit: Web of Life TLUS 2

**A strand in the web of life let me be,
a string on the harp that the spirit 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: (together)

**We gather together
as grateful people seeking Christ's Word made new for
this time and this place.
We gather together**

**to do all we can to live the Creator's intention of
community, of right relations, of community of peace.
We gather together
ready to act as the Spirit guides us. With our seeking,
our living, our acting, we worship God.**

Richard Bott, adapted

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering Prayer (together)

**Holy One, Holder of our Hearts, from time to time, we
notice our souls are heavy from injustices. From the
ways members of our community are treated to the lack
of compassion toward folks in faraway places, we
attempt to embrace hope and often feel defeated. Yet you
continue to be the bearer of dreams, God of Love. May
we feel your Spirit's peace even when struggles
accumulate. May we be baptized by your glimmers even
as we journey through a world filled with ashes. Amen.**

Worship Ways, adapted

****Opening Hymn: Touch the Earth Lightly**

VU 307

Time of Self – Reflection:

In the silence of this moment may we give full attention to
the law of love whose ways are always before us.

**May we not turn away when love's demand is great but
be persistent, for the way of God's love is sweeter than
honey in our mouths.**

**We pause now to focus on the heartbeat within us, the
pulse of the sacred teachings which we love.**

Prayers for All Seasons, adapted

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance:

Learning Time

****Hymn of Praise: Praise God for This Holy Ground**

MV 42

Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Joan Mitchell

Psalm 119: Part 4, VU 840

2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5

Luke 18: 1-8

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

All: Thanks be to God

Message:

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts:

Sung Response: There's Enough For All TLUS 60

**There's enough for all if we would learn to share it,
there's enough for all, oh, help us to believe.**

There's enough for all.

**Let's bring our loaves and fishes,
and offer them to Jesus.**

There's more than enough for you and me.

Prayer of Dedication: (Together):

**Divine Connector of our Souls, with much gratitude, we
share our gifts today. We continue to search for your
dreams and fulfill your visions as we work to create your
kindom here on earth. Energize us to utilize our gifts for
the strength of all humanity. Empower us to share our
time, talents, and treasures as we seek to never lose hope
and heart. Amen.**

Worship Ways, adapted

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.**

We Go Out As God's People

****Closing Hymn:** Teach Me, God, to Wonder VU 299

**** Commissioning and Blessing:**

Friends, what does God require of us?
**To seek justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly
with our God.**
And if Christ's disciples keep silent?
The stones will shout out!
May God bless our witness, life and work,
And may the Spirit guide us in the Way. Amen
William J. Kervin, Gathered for Worship (UCPH, 2010), p. 50

**** 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: Faith of Our Fathers VU 580

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Today we thank

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