



Forest Hill United Church  
*'open doors, open hearts, open minds'*  
 Remembrance Day Sunday  
 23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
 November 5, 2023 11:30 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

## Gathering

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

Prelude: Make Me a Channel VU 684

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: We hear the news of war each day  
**All: We remember that there once was a war that was to end all wars.**  
 One: We know people who have been affected by conflict.

**All: We remember that there once was a war that was to end all wars**

One: We gather with heavy hearts and the word “why” on our lips and in our hearts.

**All: We remember that there once was a war that was to end all wars.**

One: We gather here today to remember and to pray for hope and peace

**All: We gather here to worship, to remember and to pray for hope and peace in a world which is in turmoil.**

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Caring God, you are as close as a breath and as constant as a heartbeat. We gather here to think back to the world of our parents and grandparents. We gather to remember those who fought against injustice. We gather to remember those who have gone into areas of conflict to act as peace keepers. We gather here to remember those who have sustained injury which is visible or invisible. We gather here to remember those who have been displaced by conflicts in which they took no part. We gather here today to worship as generations before us have done in times of conflict and in times of peace. We gather in your presence today seeking hope and peace. Amen**

Act of Remembrance: led by Rev. Bob Jones  
 O Canada

*Last Post, two Minutes of Silence, and Rouse*

One: They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,  
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,  
 We will remember them.

**All: We will remember them.**

\*\*Opening Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness VU 288

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

Our Father/Mother who art in heaven,  
 Hallowed be thy name.  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

\*\*Hymn of Praise: Let Us Build a House MV 1  
*Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse*

Prayer of Self Reflection: (in unison)

**O God of life and death and life beyond life: we confess our love of quick and simple solutions. We avoid complexity in favour of simple and shallow answers; we prefer slogans to solutions. We are too prone to look back after setting our hand to the plough. We do not want to commit to the long haul.**

**When we reflect on our history of the things that make for peace and the things that make for war, we confess that we have resorted to violence instead of the hard work of seeking just and fair solutions. At other times, we have been reluctant to hold others to account, and have ignored injustice and even cruelty. Forgive us for our unwise use of our own power.**

—Rev. Dr. Neil Parker, military chaplain at the 4th Canadian Division Training Centre in Meaford, ON, from UCC Worship Resources for Remembrance Day.

*-silent reflection-*

Words of Assurance

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Psalms 107: 1-7, 33-37 VU 831-832 part 1&4

Matthew 23: 1-12

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn of Reflection: Like a Healing Stream MV 144

Reflection:

Special Music:

## Responding

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts:

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: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace VU 684

Commissioning and Sharing the Light:

\*\*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: Let There Be Peace on Earth  
Miller & Jackson, arr B&L Cassidy

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Music Team – Alex Good, Anthony Lecaillon and Dennis Livingstone

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