



Forest Hill United Church  
*'open doors, open hearts, open minds'*  
 All Saints Sunday  
 22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
 October 29, 2023 11:30 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

## Gathering

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

Prelude: You've Got a Friend by Carol King arr. B & L Cassidy

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: Come and celebrate God's presence!  
**All: We come to celebrate our journey together.**  
 One: Come and celebrate this community of saints!

**All: We celebrate with all communities of saints down through the ages,**  
 One: from generation to generation.  
**All: You have blessed your church, O God.**  
 One: We give you thanks and praise your holy name.  
**All: Come, let us worship God!**

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Righteous God, your law is love. Your message is love. Your presence is love. May Love fill our atmosphere and our interactions as we gather together in your name. May Love transform us, renew us, and revive us. Amen.**  
 – Worship Ways

\*\*Opening Hymn: O God Our Help in Ages Past VU 806

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: God of the Bible MV 28  
*Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse*

Prayer of Self Reflection: (in unison)

One: God, When we stand at the edge of brokenness and allow our questions of faith to distance us from you and others,

**All: forgive us and free us.**

One: When the ways we live church limit our ability to offer compassion,

**All: forgive us and free us.**

One: When we try to be holy without changing the way we are with others,

**All: forgive us and free us.**

Prayers for All Seasons, Year A

*silent reflection-*

Words of Assurance

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Psalms 90: 1-6, 13-17 VU 805-806

Matthew 22: 34-46

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn of Reflection: Come Let Us Sing of A Wonderful Love VU 574

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.**

Dedicating our Gifts: (All)

**Gracious God, we offer these gifts so that the mission of  
ministry of your church might be sustained and  
strengthened, bringing hope and joy into the lives of our  
neighbours around the world and here at home. Amen.**

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: My Soul Cries Out MV 120

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: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah VU 651

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