



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



4th Sunday after Epiphany  
January 28, 2024 11:30 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

## Gathering

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

Prelude: In the Bleak Mid-Winter VU 55

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: A Light is Gleaming (refrain) VU 82  
**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night, living in the light.  
 Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.**

Call to Worship:

One: We are gathered together because we want to worship God,  
**All: to give thanks to God for God's presence in good and bad times,**

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One: to confess to God those moments we have been unfaithful,  
**All: to listen for God's word in our lives and our life together,**  
 One: to lift up those concerns close to our hearts.  
**All: We are gathered together to be the Body of Christ.**  
 One: May God find a welcome home among us.  
 From Frances Flook, "Gathering", A/C/E 2020/2021, p. 44

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**Come light our world, O God.  
 Cast love into the corners where hatred hides,  
 shine peace upon the shadows of strife,  
 turn off the distress and turn on joy,  
 light our world with the sunshine of hope.  
 We pray in the name of the Light of the World. Amen.**  
 Jean Leckie, "Gathering" A/C/E 2017/ 2018, p. 37

\*\*Opening Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide MV 145

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: Parker J. Palmer

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,  
 Holy and blessed is your true name.  
 We pray for your reign of peace to come.  
 We pray that your good will be done.  
 Let heaven and earth become one.  
 Give us this day the bread we need.  
 Give it to those who have none.  
 Let forgiveness flow like a river between us.  
 From each one to each one.  
 Lead us to holy innocence.  
 Beyond the evil of our days  
 Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.  
 For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:  
 Forever your name is All in One.**

\*\*Hymn of Praise: Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom MV 10  
*Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse*

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Prayer of Self Reflection:

## Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Deuteronomy 18: 15 – 20

Psalm 111 VU p 833

Mark 1: 21 – 28

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

\*\*Hymn of Reflection: As a Fire was meant for Burning VU 578

Reflection “Speaking Words of Wisdom ....”

Special Music: “Let it Be”, by Paul McCartney

## Responding

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts:

Sung Response: Christ Has No Body Now But Yours MV 171 refrain

**Christ has no body now but yours,**

**no hands but yours.**

**Here on this earth, yours is the work,**

**to serve with the joy of compassion.**

Prayers of the Community:

Sung Response: May We But Wait MV 175

**May we but wait upon Love’s word,**

**Knowing our prayer is heard.**

Repeat

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

Commissioning and Extinguishing of the Christ Candle:

\*\*Choral Amen: May God’s Sheltering Wings MV 214

**May God’s sheltering wings,  
her gathering wings protect you.**

**May God’s nurturing arms,  
her cradling arms sustain you,  
and hold you in her love,  
and hold you in her love.**

Postlude: Though I May Speak VU 372

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Tuesday & Thursday 8:45 to 11:45 a.m.

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