



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



8th Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2025 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go VU 658

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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79 refrain
Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love me I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

Call to Worship: *(from Colossians 3)*

In humility and kindness, we gather.
Bearing with one another in love.
Forgiving where needed, celebrating what's good.
Bound together in perfect unity.
Hand in hand, heart to heart—
Let us worship God in love and community.

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, shine your light in our hearts.
Help us to “see” with our whole being,
not just with our eyes.
Help us to see with our ears
and our hearts and our minds,
to know that you are always with us.
Help us to see your beauty
in the people and world around us,
and help us to look for places where
we can bring your message of love. Amen

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

Prayer of Self Reflection:

Dear God, we call you our saviour, our inspiration,
our friend.
Yet too often we rush by and fail to take time
to marvel and exclaim at the wonder of this world,
the intricacy of creation,
the abundance of good things you have given us to enjoy
and to share.
Forgive us the hasty word, the harsh thought,
the too easy judgment, the spiteful action.

O gracious God, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, redeem us and restore us we ask.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance:

Know that you are forgiven and freed to forgive others.
Walk into a future shaped not by failures,
but by God’s justice and mercy. Amen

****Hymn of Praise:** Build a Longer Table TLUS 22

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

May Houston

Colossians 3: 12-14 *The whole armour of God*

Psalm 107 VU 831 Part One

Luke 12: 13-21 *The rich fool builds bigger and bigger barns*

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

All: Thanks be to God

Message:

“Dress for Success”

Special Music:

Responding

Mission and Service Story:

May Houston

Wonder and Worship in the Wilderness

Presentation of our Gifts:

We who were once far off have been brought near
through the gift of life that comes to us through Christ Jesus.
Let us bring our offerings to God, as an expression of our
thankfulness for all that God has done.

Sung Response: Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands VU 537

**Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.
Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.**

Prayer of Dedication:

Holy God, in your wisdom you have provided all that we
need and more. Accept these gifts we offer as a symbol
of our heartfelt gratitude and our desire to share in your
work of justice during these troubled times. Amen

Prayers of the People and the adaptation of the Prayer 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.

We Go Out As God's People

****Blessing Hymn:** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

VU 288

**** Commissioning and Blessing:**

As you go forth from here, may you go forth filled with the Holy Spirit.

May you go forth boldly and joyfully, as co-heirs with Christ, partnering with the Spirit in whatever you do.

And now, may the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you today and forever more. Amen

**** Choral Amen:** When You Walk From Here

VU 298

**When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.**

Postlude: In Christ There is No East

VU 606

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Today we thank
Jennifer Abbott, Mary Anne Blakney,
Robert Christie, Jean Fisher and May Houston,
who **Usher** for us each Sunday.

Music Team– Alex Good, Brian Cassidy and Libby Cassidy

Administrative Assistant - Kris Yarych
Tuesday & Thursday 8:45 to 11:45 a.m.

This coming week, Tessa Carroll will be here in place of Kris.



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