



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



Creation 3
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 28th, 2025 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: I Feel the Winds of God

VU 625

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: Like a Rock

MV 92

**Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God
evermore.**

Call to Worship:

**Come to the water, all you who thirst, come drink deeply
from the river of life. Come to the water, all you who are**

weary, come rest in the quiet pools of God's love. Come to the water, all you who long for justice, come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream. For God is here among us, washing away the dust and grime of our lives, and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst. Let us worship God together.
(by Rev. Irene Bom)

Opening Prayer:

Today, Holy One, Living Water, show us our thirst. Open us to drink deeply from the Well of Living Water. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** As the Deer Pants for the Water VU 766

Prayer of Self Reflection:

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance:

****Hymn of Praise:** All Who Are Thirsty MV 4
Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Libby Cassidy

Isaiah 55:1-9

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

All: Thanks be to God

Message:

How Thirsty Are You?

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts:

Sung Response: Creator God, You Gave Us Life MV 27
(Vs 3 + chorus)

**When with our hearts, our hands, our minds,
we share our gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God.
Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.**

Prayer of Dedication: (together)

We bring our gifts, our time, our money, our love,
recognizing the thirst of others in our own thirst. May these
gifts help to fill the cups of each thirsty one, here and
elsewhere. Amen.

**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

****Blessing Hymn:** Nothing to Fear TLUS 102

**** Commissioning and Blessing:**

**** 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: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore VU 563

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