

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



4th Sunday of Creation
World Communion Sunday
October 1, 2023 11:30 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Those going to Sunday School will leave now

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

Prelude: All Things Bright and Beautiful VU 291

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: Before the Earth Had Yet Begun VU 301 Vs 4

**For mind can never comprehend,
our noblest words can but pretend
to grasp God's glory; praise alone
is our companion by that throne.**

Call to Worship:

I invite you now to enter into this sacred space -
to come together and worship on this World Communion
Sunday,

**a day when we are reminded that we are one
family.**

I invite you to worship with hope bound by grace and love.
Come let us worship the Living God.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**O God of all creation be with us as we join together in
worship. Open our eyes to see your gifts and your wisdom
in the world reminding us that we are never alone - that
you are with us and within us.**

**On this World Communion Sunday, may You fill our
hearts, our minds and our souls with renewed spirit, with
love and with passion. We ask in Jesus' name.**

Amen.

**Opening Hymn: All Who Hunger VU 460

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: I Feel the Winds of God Today VU 625

Prayer of Self Reflection:

Music: In the Quiet Curve of Evening (vs 1) VU 278

Words of Prayer
-silent reflection-
Words of Assurance

Music: In the Quiet Curve of Evening (vs 2) VU 278

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:
Matthew 21: 23-32
Philippians 2: 1-5

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God
All: **Thanks be to God**

Pre Communion: Open My Eyes VU 371 vs 1&2

Reflection:

Communion

Invitation

Hymn: We Are One (vs 1, 3) VU 402

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Wine
Sharing the Bread and the Cup
Prayer after Communion

****Based on a Communion Service written by the Rev. Maren C. Tirabassi.**

Post Communion: Open My Eyes VU 371 vs 3

Responding

Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts

Sung Response: Grateful adapted MV 182

**Grateful for the life you give us,
Thankful for your Holy Son
Joyful in your Spirit flowing
Over all, O God of love.**

**Grateful for the bread of Heaven,
Thankful for your Holy Word,
Joyful in your mercy flowing,
We will Praise you.**

**Closing Hymn: Bread for the Journey (Sing Twice) MV 202

Commissioning and Blessing:

**Choral Amen: Go Now in Peace – Don Besig
**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Postlude: O Beautiful Gaia MV 41

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