



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



Creation 5 – Thanksgiving Sunday
18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 12th, 2025 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!
THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received.
Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling.
Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

Henry Van Dyke

Gathering

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

Prelude: On Earth as in Heaven, Ennio Morricone

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

We light this candle to remind us that God's house glows with love and light and that the Risen Christ is always with us. Amen.

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: (together)

One: God says, "I will fill your cup and then some."

All: We come now to receive.

One: Jesus says, "I bring abundant life to all."

All: We come now to share.

One: Spirit says, "I fill your hearts with love."

All: We come now to love.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer (together)

**Holy and gracious God, we gather as seekers, lovers,
disciples, and friends. We gather to give you thanks for
the blessings of our lives and to replenish and refuel our
spirits for the road ahead.**

**We gather to learn the wisdom of your way and feel the
warmth of your love. Bless our gathering as we join our
hearts and minds together in worship. Amen**

****Opening Hymn:** When We Seek Language

MV 49

Prayer of Self – Reflection: based on Philippians 4: 4-9

Paul said to the people of Philippi – Rejoice in the Lord always. He repeated himself, as the Philippians tended to forget to rejoice and be thankful for what they had. We too, forget to rejoice in the Lord always for the abundance which we have. Paul also told the people to offer up their prayers with thankful hearts. Let us now take our thankfulness to the Great Provider in silent prayer.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance:

****Hymn of Praise:** Praise God for the Harvest

VU 517, verses 1,2,4,5

Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

May Houston

Philippians 4: 4-9

John 6: 25-35

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

All: Thanks be to God

****Hymn of Reflection: Psalm 100**

VU 820

Message: Gratitude, Thankfulness and Thanksgiving

Special Music:

Responding

Mission and Service Stories: Setting More Tables Together

John Neville

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:

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer in Two Voices

All: Our Father who art in heaven,

One: Our God of many names: Creator, Allah, Mother,
Adonai

All: Hallowed be thy name.

One: You are sacred, divine, holy.

**All: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it
is in heaven.**

One: May your vision for a healed and vibrant world be
made manifest.

All: Give us this day our daily bread.

One: You know our needs even before we name them.

**All: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

One: May we act with humility and forgive generously.

**All: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil.**

One: Help us to journey along a good path and follow in
your way.

**All: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory,**

One: You are the Alpha and Omega, the source of All That
Is,

All: For ever and ever.

One: and evermore.

All: Amen.

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We Go Out As God's People

****Closing Hymn:** On This Good Earth TLUS 158

**** 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:

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Today we send a thank you to our **Worship Team**
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