



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



2nd Sunday of Easter
 April 7, 2024 11:30 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: Panis Angelicus by César Franck

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 Christ Candle

**Introit: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah VU 958
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (Hallelujah!)
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Call to Worship:

One: We have built a house of God
 where everyone is welcome.

All: We come here to extend that welcome.

One: We have built a house of God
 where we can share our dreams and sorrows,
 and just be ourselves.

All: We come here to support each other in celebration and in compassion.

One: We have built a house of God
 where we can sing and pray and praise.

All: We come here openly without fear of reprisal.

One: We have built this house of God
 where we can worship.

All: We come here to worship now.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

This is God's house, a sanctuary where we are safe, a place where we are reminded of God's magnificent creation, a place where we are reminded of Jesus' promise of Hope and Love, and a place of quiet contemplation where we are open to be filled with the Holy Spirit. We gather here in God's house to worship together with our church family.

**Opening Hymn: In the Bulb there is a Flower VU 703

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: M. Furlong, The St. Hilda Community
**God, who cares for us,
 The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.**

**Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.
 Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.
 Give us the food and the hope we need for today.**

**Forgive us our wrongdoing
 as we forgive the wrongs done to us.
 Protect us from pride and from despair
 and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.**

**In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,
 while worlds come and go.
 Amen.**

****Hymn of Praise:** This is the Day That God Has Made VU 175
Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Prayer of Self Reflection:

**Loving God, relationships are hard.
There's the rushing, running, noise and clutter of the day.
You call us to be present for one another,
when we want to be alone, still, silent, asleep and isolated.
You want us to love each other,
yet sometimes we break the rules
and hurt others in the family.
We forget to listen, to notice, to reach out and to care.
Whatever it is that blocks the way in our relationships,
whatever it is that stops us from living your word
and your way,
forgive us.**

Time for Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:
John 20: 19-31

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

****Hymn of Reflection:** I've Got Peace Like a River VU 577

Reflection

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts:

Sung Response: Grateful 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.**

Dedication of Offering:

**God of miracles, we ask that you look upon the time, talents
and treasure given freely by your people here. Bless them
so that we use them to make a difference in our church, in
our community and in the world around us. Amen**

Prayers of the Community:

Sung Response: My Peace My Peace by Arlo Guthrie
**My peace, my peace is all I've got that I can give to you.
My peace is all I've ever had, it's all I ever knew.
I give my peace to red and white,
to green and black and blue.
My peace, my peace is all I've got that I can give to you.**

****Closing Hymn:** Thine is the Glory VU 173

Commissioning and Blessing:

****Choral Amen:** Great Amen MV 205
**Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One,
Hosanna and Amen.**

Postlude: Ashoken Farewell

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