



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



1st after Pentecost  
Trinity Sunday  
May 26, 2024 11:30 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

## We Gather to Worship

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

Prelude:           The Church's One Foundation           VU 331

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

The Creator comes to us with strength and power. The Savior opens his arms wide and calls us. The Holy Spirit always watches over us and heals us. As we light the Christ Candle, we remember that the Trinity God is with us ever and ever.

\*\*Introit:   Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom   MV 10 vs 1  
**Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,  
she who danced when earth was new.**

**Follow closely what she teaches,  
for her words are right and true.  
Wisdom clears the path to justice,  
showing us what love must do.**

Call to Worship:

Who is like our God in glory and strength?

**The voice of the Lord thunders over the waters.**

Who is like the Lord in power and might?

**The voice of God breaks the mighty cedars.**

Who is like the Holy One in awe and wonder?

**The voice of the Almighty shakes the wilderness.**

God sits enthroned as King forever.

**Worship God in holy splendour.**

Come! Let us worship the Lord.

*B.J. Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024*

Gathering Prayer: (all)

**God of wind and fire, come and be with us. Energize us  
with power and jubilation. Loosen our spirits that we  
might share messages of inclusion. Open our hearts that  
we might receive your call to action. Fill us with your  
Spirit, great God of glory. Amen.**

*Laura Turnbull, Gathering Pentecost 1 2024*

\*\*Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty VU315

Prayer of Self Reflection:

God of power and might,

we long to proclaim your glory

with the seraphs and angels,

yet your holiness is more than we can bear.

We yearn to feel worthy of your calling,

but often feel naked and lost

when confronted with your majesty.

Touch our mouths with coal from your sacred fire,

for we are a people with unclean lips

and long to be made clean.

Above all, heal our shut up hearts, O God,

that we may say with the prophet Isaiah,

“Here I am, send me.”

## *Time for Silent Prayer*

Words of Assurance:

Rejoice that God heals our fear with a spirit of strength and truth. Give thanks that we are God's children and heirs with Christ. In Christ, we touch God's glory and victory.

**Thanks be to God.**

Intergenerational Time:

\*\*Hymn of Praise: I Am a Child of God                      MV 157  
*Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse*

## The Word of God Proclaimed

Words from Our Bible:    Mary Grant  
Romans 8:12–17  
John 3:1–17

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

\*\*Hymn of Reflection: Like a Healing Stream              MV 144

Message:

Special Music

## We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of our Gifts:

God asks us, "Whom shall I send?" And through our gifts, we say to God, "Here I am, send me!" There is a purpose for everything you have been given and for everything that you give. Respond from the fullness of your heart and your love for the world God created, and trust that God will use it for good. Let us now present our gifts.

*2024 Offering Invitations and Prayers, The United Church of Canada*

Sung Response: Jesus Laughed Out Loud                      MV 133 vs 5

**Jesus called my name  
when he was passing by;  
my life will never be the same;  
this love will never die.**

Prayer of Dedication:

Spirit of the living God, you offer us rich blessings and a church family to guide our way. We are your children, eager to show you our gratitude and our love. May this offering be a sign of our commitment to live as siblings of Christ.

Bless our gifts this day, O God, that others may be blessed by them. May they help those in need be born anew in your Spirit and blessed in your holy name. Amen.

*B.J. Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024*

**Prayers of the People  
followed by the Lord’s Prayer:**

**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.**

M. Furlong, The St. Hilda Community

**We Go Out As God’s People**

**\*\*Blessing Hymn:     Three Things I Promise             MV 176**

**\* Commissioning and Benediction:**

Who will go to serve our God?

**Even when we feel fearful,  
we will go to serve the Lord.**

Who will go to serve our neighbors?

**Even when we feel unworthy,  
we will go to serve our sisters and brothers.**

Who will go to serve our world?

**Even when we feel unprepared,**

**we will go to serve God's people.**  
We are your servants, Lord.  
**Send us.**

The grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with all of us, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

\*\*Choral Amen:      Peace Be With You      MV 215  
**Peace be with you, peace forever,**  
**peace be with you, my friends.**  
**Till we meet again, may God be with you.**  
**Peace, peace, peace.**

Postlude:      It Only Takes a Spark (Pass it On)      VU 289

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