



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



13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2024 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: I Am the Dream MV 106

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: Let Us Build a House MV 1 vs 1

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Call to Worship:

Rejoice, seekers of wisdom and truth,

God's wisdom calls us here.

Behold, followers of godly direction and guidance,

Christ's love shows us the way.

Sing, children of thanksgiving and praise,

the Spirit's presence gathers us together.

Michael Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024

Opening Prayer: *(together)*

God of steadfast love,

you granted young Solomon,

the wisdom to rule your people with judgment

and understanding.

When we turn to you for answers,

you grant us the wisdom to discern good and evil

and bestow the courage to live in your ways.

Be with us in this time of worship

as we seek to grow in your wisdom

and abide in your grace. Amen.

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**Opening Hymn: Give to Us Laughter (Klusmeier)

Prayer of Self Reflection: *(in unison)*

Loving God,

you call us not to waste our time on useless tasks,

the barren pursuit of nothingness.

Help us be honest about what we do.

Shine your loving light upon us,

that we might see your way and follow it.

Open us to living not for our own desires

but in humble service to you.

**Now, we ask God for forgiveness and reconciliation in
silence.**

O Lord, hear our voices and have mercy on us.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance:

Be filled with God's spirit! Sing hymns of praise to the
God who loves you always and forgives you always!
Amen.

The Whole People of God

Sharing Time:

**Hymn of Praise: We Sing of Your Glory MV 58

Exploring

Words from Our Bible: Margie Roxborough
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
John 6:51-58

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

Message:

Special Music: Rainbow (Kacey Musgraves)

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts:

We see God's work in acts of honesty and justice, and we
touch God's covenant in moments of mercy and compas-
sion. Let us be God's instruments in the world as we col-
lect today's offerings.

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Sung Response: What Can I Do? MV 191

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

Prayer of Dedication: *(together)*

**God of wisdom and understanding,
your blessings surround us each day.**

**We thank you for inspiring our actions
and feeding our creativity.**

**We praise you for warming our hearts
and enlightening our minds.**

**May these gifts go forth into your world
and be bread and blessing to those in need. Amen.**

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Prayers of the People

followed by the Prayer that Jesus Taught

**Our Father-Mother, who is in heavens,
may your name be made holy,
may your dominion come,
may your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today the bread we need;
and forgive us our debts,
as we have forgiven our debtors;
and do not put us to the test,
but rescue us from evil.**

**For yours is the dominion, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Alternate versions of the Prayer of Jesus, VU p.916

We Go Out As God's People

**Blessing Hymn: Ka mama'o 'I'O

MV 103

**Commissioning and Benediction:

God sends us forth with wisdom and understanding.

We go to be a blessing to the world.

God sends us forth to be honest and just.

We go to be a blessing to the world.

Wherever we go, we will walk with God.

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

Amen.

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Postlude:

As the Deer

VU 766

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Reader – Margie Roxborough

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Tuesday & Thursday 8:45 to 11:45 a.m.

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