



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



Father's Day
4th Sunday after Pentecost
June 16, 2024 11:30 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: Called By Earth and Sky MV 135

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

Our friend and teacher Jesus walked many a dusty road around the Sea of Galilee. He travelled with friends, both good and insignificant. He cared for those left behind, the frightened, and the forgotten. That beautiful light shines wherever Jesus goes. That glorious light follows us and supports us. We are loved, cared for and always belong.

Indigenous Day of Prayer 2024: We Are All Spirit First, The UCC

****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:

God of covenant love,
**we praise you for planting seeds of your love
within Abraham, Sarah, and their descendants.**

God of incarnate love,
**we marvel at the magnificent family tree
that your divine love has created among us.**

God of welcoming love,
**we thank you that you have made a home for us
within the branches of your family tree.**

God of everlasting love,
**we worship you, we love you, and we honor you
with all that we are.**

Leigh Anne Taylor, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024

Opening Prayer: (all)

**Holy God, we humble our hearts before you
in thanksgiving and awe.**

**For by your mercy, we find ourselves at home
in the branches of your family tree.**

**We discover ourselves to be a people
with a love that never fails.**

**We find ourselves within your grand love story
for all time and all creation.**

Whom can we thank, but you, for such great mercy?

**Bring your kingdom into our midst
as we worship you this day. Amen.**

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****Opening Hymn: Jesus Teacher Bold and Brave VU 605**

Prayer of Self Reflection:

Holy God, the Lord does not look at our outward appearance
but only looks at our heart.
When God looks into our hearts,
we long to become who you intended us to be.
However, we only pursued self-centred safety and peace;
we place greater value on selfish motives and deception;
we were only focused on appearances and accomplishments
and failed to see the inner beauty and hidden efforts.
So, we did not see God's presence
and did not hear God's voice.
As we silently pray for our weaknesses at this time,
transform us with your love and mercy.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance:

There is good news. Anyone who unites with Christ becomes a new creation. We have been reconciled to God through the love of Christ. We are forgiven, people.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Whole People of God 2021

Sharing Time:

**Hymn of Praise: For the Fruit of All Creation VU 227
Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

John Neville

Ezekiel 17:22–24

Mark 4:26–34

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Message:

Special Music:

Responding

Presentation of our Gifts:

As Christians, we can dare to comfort a hurting world by sharing our gifts so that others may flourish. No matter how we feel about the gifts we give, God will help us share them beyond what we can do on our own. Now, let us offer our sincerity and passion to God.

2024 Offering Invitations and Prayers, the UCC

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: (All)

Loving Creator, help us to think about others when we come to this time of giving. Some of us only have a dollar or two or an hour or two to share, but others have so much more. Remind us when we have heaps of love, time, or special talents to share that, we shine the love of God when sharing them widely. Amen

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Prayers of the People

followed by the Prayer that Jesus Taught

Alternate versions of the Prayer of Jesus, VU 916

**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.**

We Go Out As God's People

**Blessing Hymn: We Sing of Your Glory

MV 58

**Commissioning and Benediction:

Placing hands over our hearts.

We will receive the new things that God is creating within us.

Reaching hands toward our neighbours.

We will be blessed by the new things that God is creating within us.

Reaching hands toward the world.

We will be blessed by the new things that God is creating in the world.

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: May God's Sheltering Wings

MV 214

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