



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



Thanksgiving Sunday  
October 13, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

## Gathering

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

**Prelude:** VU 409, “Morning Has Broken”

**Welcome:**

**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 church is wherever God's people are praising, singing God's goodness for joy on this day. The church is wherever disciples of Jesus remember his story and walk in his way.” (VU 579, v.1) On this Thanksgiving morning, Christ invites us to gather around the bright candles. The Creator God welcomes everyone with abundant love, life, and justice.

**Introit:** VU 309, “Before the Earth Had Yet Begun” (vs 1)

**Before the earth had yet begun  
its journey round the burning sun,  
before a seed of life had stirred,  
there sounded God’s creating Word.**

### **Call to Worship:**

The leaves are changing colour as the fall season unfolds.

**We gather to give thanks to God.**

The harvest is in. Some tables are full, yet some are empty.

**We bring our yearnings for a just sharing to God.**

The community gathers to worship, to celebrate, and to give thanks to our Creator.

**We give thanks to God for this community of faith.**

*Catherine Tovell, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024*

### **Opening Prayer: (together)**

God, Our Creator, you have given us so much

Thanksgiving fills our hearts as we return to worship. God, Our Foundation, you have supported us so well. We feel blessed as we take our place in the faith community.

Challenger God, you are ahead of us in the coming months. We will not shrink from the path of truth and justice. God the Eternal One, you know our joys, fears, and uncertainties. In the good days and the days of anxiety, we will trust you, our loving God. Amen.

*David Sparks, Gathering Pentecost 2, 2024*

### **\*\*Opening Hymn: VU 574,**

“Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love”

### **Prayer of Self Reflection:**

Loving God, help us to stop trying to force our will in your world.

Help us catch ourselves when we are unkind and judgmental, complain about everything out of habit, and take people and blessings for granted.

Forgive us for being careless with the world’s abundance. We know better. Help us to do better. Give us strength to follow the Way of Jesus.

Loving God, hold us as we breathe deeply of your healing power in silence.

*(Time for Silent Prayer)*

### **Words of Assurance:**

God assures us we are not alone, for we live in God's Home. In Christ, through Christ, and by Christ, we become one in God's abundant love. We thank you for all that our Creator God means to our lives.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Gord Dunbar, Jani Francis, Gathering Pentecost 2, 2024*

### **Sharing Time:**

**\*\*Hymn of Praise:** VU 352, "I Danced in the Morning"

*Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse.*

## Exploring

### **Words from Our Bible:**

Lorna McKnight

Psalm 90:12-17

Mark 10:17-31

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

**Thanks be to God**

### **Message:**

**Special Music:** Turn, Turn, Turn - Pete Seeger

## Responding

### **Announcements:**

### **Presentation of our Gifts:**

We are grateful for a love that is ours when we cannot always love ourselves. We are grateful for a strength that holds us up when we stumble in our vulnerability. We are grateful because God is our God, who is with us always.

Let us offer our gifts to God in gratitude for what is beyond words.

*Frances Flook, Gathering Pentecost 2, 2024*

**Sung Response:** MV 182, “Grateful” (short, modified version)

**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.**

**Prayer of Dedication:** (*together*)

Thank you, Gracious God. Gratitude is the foundation of our giving. We thank you for all you have entrusted to each of us. We thank you for this church you have entrusted to us. Thank you for leading us to give ourselves away by sharing time, talents, and resources, always to your glory. Amen.

*Elaine Bidgood Sweet, Gathering Pentecost 2, 2024*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer:**

- Sharing thanks or concerns
- Ecumenical Prayer Cycle (13 - 19 October 2024):  
Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

**Our Father-Mother, who is in the 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:** VU 651, “Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah”

**\*\*Commissioning and Benediction:**

Whenever we feel poured out like water,

**Christ offers us grace and mercy.**

Whenever we feel abandoned and alone,

**Christ gives us hope and encouragement.**

Christ is there when our need is great.

**Thanks be to 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.**

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

**Postlude:** VU 217, “All Creatures of Our God and King”

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