



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



Remembrance Sunday/ 25th after Pentecost
November 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: Let There Be Peace on Earth

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 Christ candle reminds us that the light of Christ shines on the road to peace and illuminates our most difficult hours.

The candles we light at this time will be a precious reminder to remember those who willingly made sacrifices to protect freedom and peace in the love of Christ.

James Traquair, GatheringWorship.ca

****Introit:** MV 1, "Let Us Build a House" (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:

Called to service in Christ's name,
let us worship together and listen to God's word.

**We gather to worship God and bring comfort to those
who hunger and thirst.**

Step confidently into the river of faith.

We gather to help one another cross the River Jordan.

Come! Let us worship the Lord, our God.

We come to follow in the footsteps of Christ

B. J. Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023

Opening Prayer: (together)

O God, we give thanks for peacekeepers and pacifists, for those who served on the front lines and those who protested and marched, for those who volunteered and those who waited anxiously at home, for those who hoped that things would get better and those who could not stand by and wait.

We give thanks for those who believed that the world could be a better place. We remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, trusting that others could and would carry the torch.

We give thanks for those who were once enemies who have become friends and allies. Amen.

Neil Parker, united-church.ca/prayers

****Opening Hymn: VU 436, "Abide with Me"**

Prayer of Self Reflection:

Holy One, we long to perceive ourselves as you see us. We yearn to look through your eyes and envision who you created us to be. Help us love ourselves and extend that love to love others truly. Help us to be willing to give what we have and to be happy when others give us something, no matter how small it may seem.

On Remembrance Sunday, help us to restore the spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation for everlasting peace.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance:

God is pleased when we share in love, even if it is small, and when we live for peace, even if it is a small gesture. Rejoice, for God has given us a home of eternal peace and life. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

B. J. Beau, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024

The Act of Remembrance

Invitation to Remembrance Day:

We gather this morning to worship God and pray for God's eternal peace, Shalom. On this Remembrance Sunday, we remember how wars destroyed God's creation: land, water, animals, and people.

We come here with mixed emotions: sadness, regret, repentance, pride, hope, gratitude, and thanksgiving.

Open our hearts to understand your call to peacemaking and peacekeeping, empowering us to answer that call in all we say and do in this service and our daily lives.

Heather McClure, GatheringWorship.ca

***National Anthem:** VU #524, "O Canada"

Words of Remembrance

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning.

We will remember them.

The placing of the Wreath:

Last Post-Silence-Reveille

Responsive Prayer: *(together)*

Eternal rest grant to them, O God, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, through your great mercy, rest in peace. Amen.

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

John Neville

Psalm 146

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

Thanks be to God

Message:

Special Music:

Responding

Announcements:

Presentation of our Gifts:

“Love is something if you give it away, Give it away, give it away. Love is something if you give it away, You end up having more. It's just like a magic penny.” As an old song says, how can we love, share, and serve our neighbours and the world? God invites us to join in God's mission.

Malvina Reynolds, “Magic Penny”

Sung Response: SFGP p. 124, "God, You Meet Us"

**God, you meet us in our neighbours,
when your strength and voice they need.
Yours the Spirit, we your people,
sharing love in word and deed.**

Prayer of Dedication: (*together*)

Free our hearts, gracious God, that your great purposes may work through our love, as they did for Naomi and Ruth before us. Multiply our gifts, Holy One, that all people may be built into a spiritual house—a house that no one can bring down. Amen.

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer:

- Sharing thanks or concerns
- Ecumenical Prayer Cycle (10 - 16 November 2024):
Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia

**Eternal Spirit, Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,
Source of all that is and that shall be:
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God in whom is heaven:
the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In the times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

OT024, Celebrate God's Presence, the UCC. pp 727-728

We Go Out As God's People

****Blessing Hymn:** MV 209, "Go Make a Difference"

****Commissioning and Benediction:**

We go out from this place of worship.

**We know that Jesus is among us and that the Holy Spirit
is in us wherever we go.**

Let us cast off all our fears, proclaim God's love, and rejoice
in God's peace.

**God's peace is the peace we are called to share in the
world. Shalom.**

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

Amen.

Postlude: MV 127, "I Saw the Rich Ones"

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