



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



5th Sunday after Pentecost
 June 23, 2024 11:30 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU 374

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

Christ said to his disciples when they were in the storm, "Peace! Be still." Their souls found Peace, and the tempest all around lifted. We cry out to God in the chaos. As we light the candle of Christ, we pray for Christ's presence in this service, like those waiting for the morning.

**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:

Put our trust in God, who knows our names.

**The Holy One does not forsake
those who seek God.**

Be gracious to us, Holy One.

**For you are the One who lifts us
from the storm.**

We praise God in every time in space.

We rejoice that your hand guides us.

Michelle L. Torigian, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024

Opening Prayer: *(together)*

**Great Spirit, you have always been,
and before you nothing was.**

There is no one to pray to but you.

**The star nations all over the heavens are yours
and yours are the grasses of the earth.**

**You are older than all need,
older than all pain and prayer.**

Great Spirit, fill us with light.

Give us the strength to understand and eyes to see.

**Teach us to walk the soft earth
as relatives of all who live.**

Help us, for without you we are nothing. Amen.

The Whole People of God 2021

**Opening Hymn: My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV 138

Prayer of Self Reflection:

Generous Holy Spirit, you are the fountain of salvation for all.

In your love, we find peace and comfort.

We long to share the beauty of your grace, not just for
ourselves but for our neighbours.

We long to use your mercy not just for ourselves but for care

and help for our neighbours.

Even when our struggles make our vision unclear, we long to seek to share and extend mercy to all of your children as we have received from God.

Open our hearts to the needs of our neighbours so that we may be ministers of your grace and messengers of your peace.

As we silently pray for our weaknesses at this moment, transform us with your love and mercy.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance:

Find peace in God's grace and salvation. Even through life's hardships and storms, God's love guides us to safety. God's unconditional love strengthens us to act with love and courage.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Sharing Time:

****Hymn of Praise:** What a Friend We Have in Jesus VU 664
Those going to Sunday School will leave after the first verse

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Brian Cassidy

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

Mark 4:35–41

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:

Open your hearts and live without fear. Give without thought of what you may receive in return, share without restriction, and live in the certainty that your gifts will be multiplied in our ministry here, and across the world through Mission and Service. Let us now present our gifts.

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: *(together)*

**We are always rejoicing, Holy One,
for your many gifts in our lives.
Even when we have nothing,
you make us feel as if we have everything.
May these gifts usher peace into our world,
that all may know of your love
and touch your grace. 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: The Lone Wild Bird VU 384

**Commissioning and Benediction:
We are blessed with the gift of faith in God,
who is with us always.

**Even though we are in storms,
even though we are in difficult trials,
God is with us always.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve God.

The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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: Go Make a Difference MV 209

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