



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



23rd after Pentecost
October 27, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: VU 122, “All Glory, Laud and Honour”

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:

We taste the goodness of the Lord every day in every place of our lives. God’s steadfast love endures forever and every time in our lives. As we light the candle of Christ, we remember once again, in this place of worship, the presence of God with us everywhere.

****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:

Magnify the Lord.

Praise God's holy name.

The Lord hears the pleas of the perishing.

God transforms our suffering into songs of joy.

God restores our fortunes when calamity strikes.

Bless the Lord and praise God's holy name!

Michael Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024

Opening Prayer: (together)

Loving God. As we gather before God, the centre of the universe, we begin our worship with gratitude this morning. We remember that our lives can be better just by knowing God's unconditional love and acceptance.

However, may our faith not remain in our heads but be guided by the Holy Spirit. May we be uplifted and strengthened by your love and light in this time. Therefore, may we dare to go out into the world and boldly share that love and light with the world. Amen.

Stephanie Richmond, Gathering, Pentecost 2 2021

****Opening Hymn: VU 508, "Just As I Am"**

Prayer of Self Reflection:

O God of Mysteries, we come seeking blessings.

We long to be among the wise but often find ourselves speaking like fools without knowledge. We yearn to be among the righteous but often find ourselves walking with those who boast of themselves without reason. We desire to be instruments of your grace but often find ourselves bringing suffering to others with empty words. Open our eyes to see the truth and give us the courage to speak for justice.

Now, as we draw near to you in silence, let us realize that you are always near to make us whole.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance:

Draw near to God in Christ, and God will draw near to you.

We are God's beloved children.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Michael Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024

Sharing Time:

****Hymn of Praise:** “Young Apple Trees”

Words by Walter Farquharson - Music by Ron Klusmeier

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

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Libby Cassidy

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Mark 10:46-52

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:**

God's ways are mysterious, and we cannot fully understand them. But we know that God's ways are generosity, love, justice, mercy, and passion. All these ways lead us closer to God. So, we share our lives and offerings to live in God's world with the world and our neighbours.

Offering Invitations and Prayers 2024, the UCC

Sung Response: Songs for a Gospel People 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*)

God of healing and care, just as you restore sight to the blind and heal the afflicted, use our gifts and devotion to provide shelter to the lost and mercy to the suffering. May our gifts be found by those who cry out in need and seek you with receptive hearts. Amen.

Michael Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer:

- Sharing thanks or concerns
- Ecumenical Prayer Cycle (27 October - 02 November 2024):
Canada, United States of America

**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:** VU 424, "May the God of Hope"

****Commissioning and Benediction:**

God heals the broken and makes the wounded whole.

We go with peace in our hearts.

God finds the lost and gives them a home.

We go with joy and thanksgiving.

God visits the lonely and makes them family.

We go with as the people of 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.

Michael. Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024

Postlude: VU 223, "Eternal, Unchanging"

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