



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



24th after Pentecost
November 3, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: VU 574, "Come Let Us Sing"

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 light this candle to begin our worship. This candle is the light in the window, a reminder that God will always welcome us home.

God welcomes us here with open arms, calling us children of God, no matter who we are.

Catherine Tovell, Gathering, Pentecost 2 2024

****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:

Great is our God!

And greatly to be praised!

Our God is loving and merciful.

Our God is full of constant love.

Our God is faithful to God's promises.

Our God is compassionate toward all of Creation.

Come, let us worship God together.

**Let us worship together and praise God forever and
ever.**

Judy Sears, Gathering, Pentecost 2 2024

Opening Prayer: (together)

God of new beginnings, wipe away our tears, that we may come before your throne with hearts full of song and with souls on fire.

Help us live as those who are prepared to die, so when our time to depart comes we may go forth as those who are prepared to live. Whether living or dying, O Lord, our hearts will always belong to you. Amen.

B.J. Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024

****Opening Hymn: MV 145, "Draw the Circle Wide"**

Prayer of Self Reflection:

God, our friend, you have given us many people, men, women, and children, to support, care for, and pray for us. We should have seen you in them because we are children of God, made in your image. Yet we have not tried to see you in others and have even turned our eyes away. Forgive us when we forget that all who belong to you are your saints. Teach us to see you in everyone we meet.

Now, we come closer to you in silence, so hear our voices.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance:

The God of eternal love pushes and guides us to change and grow. God walks with us, even now, as God always has, and will continue to do so forever.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Whole People of God 2021

Sharing Time:

****Hymn of Praise:** MV 138,

“My Love Colours Outside the Lines”

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

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Ruth 1:1-18

Mark 12:28-34

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

Thanks be to God

Message:

Special Music: Medley: As the Deer (VU 766)
and I Am the Dream (MV 106)

Responding

Stories for Mission and Service:

Diane Robinson

Announcements:**Presentation of our Gifts:**

What is the most important thing we can do as followers of Jesus? To love God with all that we are and all that we have, and to love others in the same way. An important way we show love is to be generous to others and the world rather than to ourselves. Let's do that right now.

Offering Invitations and Prayers 2024, the UCC

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*)

God of abundance, you bless us with rich food and fine wines at your banquet table. May our offering nourish the bodies and souls of those who know only hunger and want.

Bless our gifts for the holy God's mission, and may all people and us come to know the wondrous blessings of God's home and the everlasting love of Christ's table. Amen.

B.J. Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer:

▪ Sharing thanks or concerns

▪ Ecumenical Prayer Cycle (03 - 09 November 2024):

Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

**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 169,

“When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides”

****Commissioning and Benediction:**

Hold fast to the faith of God's saints, past and present.

**In our living and in our dying,
we belong to God.**

Trust the example they left for us to follow.

**In our loving and in our service,
we are heirs with Christ.**

Walk in the puddles of light
the saints left as footprints for us to follow.

**In our journeys of faith,
we are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord.**

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: VU 580, “Faith of Our Fathers”

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Reader – Robert Christie

Mission and Service – Diane Robinson

Hospitality – May Houston

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Tuesday & Thursday 8:45 to 11:45 a.m.



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