



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



12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2024 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

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

Prelude: God of the Bible MV 28

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

**Introit: Let Us Build a House MV 1 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.**

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Call to Worship:

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

inviting us to worship.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

luring us by love.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

calling us by name,

calling us to grow in faith,

calling us to be made new.

We come to worship in this season of the Spirit.

Amen.

Paul Fayer, 1994. In Worship For All Seasons II Selections from Gathering – Year B, page 220

Opening Prayer: *(together)*

Creator God, the wonder and joy of summer is spread before us. We rejoice in long, bright days, the slower pace of holidays, the warmth of friendships renewed, the call of a loon, the whisper of wind through the trees. Creator God, we praise you for the summer.

Accept our appreciation in this time of worship.

David Sparks, 1994. In Worship For All seasons II, Selections from Gathering – Year B, page 223

**Opening Hymn: Open My Eyes that I May See VU 371

Prayer of Self Reflection: *(in unison)*

O God, you created the seasons with their gifts. The gifts of this season call to us; but often they call us away from you. There are lakes to be explored, rivers to fish, gardens to weed, hayfields to cut. We can be totally caught up in our activities, wrapped up in our pleasures or our work. The thought of you and of others is often far from our minds. Forgive us. Open our eyes to see your presence. Open our ears to your Word. Open our hearts to the needs of others, in Christ's name.

Douglas Flint, 2000. In Worship For All Seasons II Selections from Gathering – Year B, page 224

(Time for Silent Prayer)

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Words of Assurance:

Sharing Time:

**Hymn of Praise: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy VU 271

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Psalm 23 VU 749 refrain 2 The Shepherd's Psalm
Luke 10: 25-37 Proverb of the Good Samaritan

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:

Sung Response: What Can I Do? MV 191
What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Prayer of Dedication: (*together*)

**We give from our hearts, knowing that we have been
given so much. Take these, our gifts and use them to
further your work in this church and in the world
around us. Amen**

Prayers of the People

followed by the Prayer that Jesus Taught

adaptation from the original Aramaic Translations

**Creator God, Father-Mother of the Cosmos.
Focus your light within us, and make it useful.
Create your reign of unity now.
Through our fiery hearts and willing hands,**

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help us love beyond our ideals and sprout acts of compassion

for all creatures. Animate the earth within so that we can feel the wisdom underneath supporting all.

Untangle the knots within so that we can mend our hearts' simple ties to each other.

Don't let surface things delude us, but free us from what holds us back from our true purpose.

Out of you, the astonishing fire, returning light, and the sound the cosmos. Amen.

by Neil-Douglas Klotz in Prayers of the Cosmos

We Go Out As God's People

****Blessing Hymn: Sent Out in Jesus' Name MV 212**

****Commissioning and Benediction:**

Postlude: Be Thou My Vision VU 642

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Usher – Jean Fisher

Teller – Bob Fisher

Reader –

Hospitality – Jennifer Abbott

Music – Alex Good, Brian Cassidy and Libby Cassidy

Administrative Assistant - Kris Yarych

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

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Gibson Memorial United Church



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