

Stouffville United Church
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World Communion Sunday

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship:

Around the globe, God's people gather this day.

On World Communion Sunday we gather around Jesus' table.

We gather with different languages.

We gather with differences too numerous to count.

Yet we are more the same than different.

Created in the image of God, we are all named good and treasured by our Creator.

Let us worship in unity, peace, and joy!

Holy is our God!

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Opening Hymn: God, Whose Almighty Word [VU 313]

Prayer of the Community

The Lord's Prayer

Time with our Children

Music Ministry

Words before the scriptures are read:

When you speak in scripture, when you speak in our neighbour, when you speak from the hills and the sea, help us to hear your voice, O God.

A Reading from Philippians 2:1-13

(found on page 954 in the pew bible)

A Reading from Matthew 21:23-32

(found on page 802 in the pew bible)

Sermon: Authority Issues

Offering

Dedication: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
[VU 541]

Offering Prayer:

Communion Hymn: We Gather Here [VU 469]

Holy Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving:

May God be with us.

God is here among us.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Maker of heaven and earth we join with all your people to give you thanks and praise. You formed the universe in your wisdom and created all things by your grace. We praise you for all your good gifts: the witness of saints and prophets; the work of faithful women and men; this earth in all its blessing and promise; and this bread, once scattered, now brought together and made one. In the hope that your people may be brought together from the ends of the earth into your reign of justice and compassion, we gather with those of every time and every place to give you praise and glory:

O holy, holy, holy God, [MV203]

O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above

Bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heav'n,

Creation sings your praise.

And blessed is the One who comes

And bears your name always!

We do what Jesus did the night before he died. He took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and give it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat; remember me." Then he took the cup, and said, "Take, drink; remember."

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray, God of Love, send your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here, that we, and these gifts, touched by your Spirit, may be signs of life and love to each other, and to all the world.

Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup

Communion Instructions: Communion will be served to you in the pews. Please wait till everyone is served and on a cue from the minister we will eat the bread together. We will repeat the same process with the grape juice.

Prayer after Communion

Closing Hymn: The Church of Christ in Every Age [VU 601]

Words of Blessing

Parting Song: You Shall Go Out With Joy [VU 884]

Music to Send Us Out into Our Ministry

Please join us for a Refreshments and Conversation after the service in the Friendship and Davis Rooms, through the West Doors of the Sanctuary