

Stouffville United Church

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Second Sunday of Easter

Music Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

We are gathered on the treaty territory of the Huron Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe people and their ancestors. May we honour their history, spirituality, culture and teachings and uphold our responsibilities as treaty partners.

Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle:

This is the light of Christ, a promise of Love.

This light shines for us, and for all of creation.

For this we give thanks. Hallelujah!

(Written by Anita Rowland, Monticello United Church, Grand Valley, Ont., Gathering L/E 2019, page 41. Used with permission.)

Call to Worship:

The parade is over, the celebrations are no more.

The meal is complete, the table cleared.

The trial – a sham – the leaders – corrupt.

**The execution – horrific – the death – agonizing,
unbearable.**

**The mourning- heart breaking – the weeping – without
end.**

But the promises kept – the resurrection true.

Our Risen Lord, to reign in heaven at God's side.

Come family and friends, come fellow travellers
along the road, come believers.

Come into the small room, through the locked door;
come and believe in the risen Christ!

(Written by Helen Keller, Mark Street United Church, Peterborough, Ont., Gathering L/E/P 2010, page 36. Used with permission. Adapted.)

Hymn: Christ Is Alive

[VU 158, Vs. 1,4,5]

Prayer of Confession

In the hope of Christ risen,

we refuse to say that there is nothing we can do.

In the hope of Christ risen,

we refuse to believe that change in our faith community is not possible.

In the hope of Christ risen,

we refuse to despair, when the way ahead is daunting and fearful.

In the hope of Christ risen,

we refuse to ignore the needs crying out to us.

In the hope of Christ risen,

we joyfully affirm that there is nothing in time or beyond time that can separate us from God's love.

When you look at the limits we impose
on ourselves and on our faith communities,
O God, you are not impressed.

**You stir us to reveal and use our hidden talents;
you call on us**

to have done with apathy and self-doubt.

The tomb is empty,
the beloved teacher is gone on ahead.

**This is the time to right old wrongs,
to try new ventures.**

**We are ready to step out in faith
to a future that is unknown but challenging,
because we know the risen Christ. Amen.**

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Candle Lighting

A time of silence

Music Ministry

A time of silence

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Prayer before the Scriptures:

Join with us, Living God,
as we meet around your word
and reflect upon it.

Encourage us, inspire us! Amen.

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Acts 4:32-35

John 20:19-31

Sermon: "Jesus is in Our Midst"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: The Day of Resurrection

[VU 164]

Blessing

Music Postlude

*Thank you for worshipping with us, whether in person or on line.
We look forward to joining with you again next week!*