

## **Stouffville United Church**

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Fourth 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:**

The candle is lit;  
the radiance of Christ shines on us;  
we are gathered together knowing that  
Christ is here among us.

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### **Call to Worship:**

Listen!

**The shepherd is calling.**

Listen!

**Can you hear his voice?**

Listen!

**Warmth. Nourishment.**

**Purpose. Community. Life!**

Listen!

**And go! Go to God, who welcomes us with open arms,  
and abundant life!**

Alleluia!

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**Hymn:** He Leadeth Me

[VU 657, Vs. 1,2,3]

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**God, sometimes we think that we're the ones in charge. In shepherding our own lives, we forget that you are our shepherd. We allow fear and worry to overtake us. We make plans upon plans, not trusting that green pastures and still waters await us. Forgive us. Help us to trust in your great love, in the abundance of the table that you have prepared for us. Help us to know that our cup overflows. Help us to live our lives accordingly.**

### **Words of Assurance:**

God's love is so wide, so broad, and so deep that it is beyond imagining. Know this and live it out. Amen.

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### **Candle Lighting**

### **A time of silence**

### **Music Ministry**

### **A time of silence**

### **Minute for Mission**

### **Offering**

### **Offertory Prayer**

### **Prayer before the Scriptures:**

Great Shepherd, help us to listen to your voice.

You know us. You call us. You assure us that no one can snatch us from your care.

In this time of worship, may we listen with our hearts to you, our shepherd, and follow wherever you lead. Amen.

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### **Psalm 23**

[VU 749]

### **John 10: 11-18**

### **Sermon: "The Shepherd's Voice"**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** How Great Thou Art

[VU 238. Vs 1,3,4]

### **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!*