

Stouffville United Church

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May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
Christian Family Sunday

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:

On this Christian Family Sunday, we are called to celebrate relationships: mothers, grandmothers, and all those of every gender who nurture us. Our God is a God of relationship who seeks us out and longs for us to connect with others and with all of creation. Let us gather in the light of Christ to celebrate all of the loving relationships that shape and bless our lives.

(Written by Tammy Fergusson, Grace United Church, Gananoque, Ont., Gathering L/E 2021, page 52. Used with permission.)

Call to Worship:

This is the day,
it is the day that God has made.

And we have come together as God's family.

This is the day,
it is the day that God has made.

And we have come together for worship.

This is the day,
it is the day that God has made.

And we come to worship as we are:

happy, sad, certain, troubled.

This is the day,
it is the day that God has made.

**May we know ourselves blessed in it
as we gather for worship.**

Come, and let us worship God.

(Written by Bob Root, Mark Street United Church, Peterborough, Ont., Gathering L/E 2013, page 46. Used with permission.)

Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

[VU 226]

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, we thank you for our family circle.

**Our family: a group of people who understand us and
accept us as we are.**

Loving God, we thank you for our family circle.

**Our family: there for us when life is testing,
there for us when the going is rough.**

Loving God, we thank you for our family circle.

**Our family: aware of our resistance to change,
not afraid to challenge us.**

Loving God, we thank you for our family circle.

**Our family: there for us in times past, strong support for
today, to be relied on in the coming days.**

Loving God, we thank you for our family circle,

**which is sometimes our family of birth or adoption, and
sometimes a varied group of people who have come into
our lives. Loving God, we thank you for our family circle,
however it came to us. Amen.**

(Written by David Sparks, Summerland, B.C., Gathering L/E 2016, page 48. Used with permission.)

Candle Lighting

A time of silence

Music Ministry

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Mission & Service 'Mother's Day Can Be More' Campaign

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Acts 10:44-48

Sermon: "Celebrate the Love"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Would You Bless Our Homes & Families [VU 556, Vs. 1,3]

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!*