

Stouffville United Church
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June 13, 2021

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Music Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

The land on which this building sits is land that has been walked on, hunted on, and lived on for thousands of years. It is the Traditional land of the Huron Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe people, and it is with humility and respect that we give thanks that we are here, in the space where we are in touch with Creator who made it and who made us. May our worship honour the relationships that are celebrated and invited here, and may we always remember the story of this land, the people who live here, and the call to live with respect and thanksgiving.

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Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle:

We light this candle as a symbol of the presence of Christ, known to us through the stories we share, experienced by us through the gathered community, and present to us through the Spirit that is in our midst.

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Call to Worship:

Once, a long time ago, people lived with fear and uncertainty. The past had been bleak, the present bleaker; the economy struggling.

Hope for life was absent; many felt lost and alone.

And Jesus said: "Follow me."

Today, people look for a sign of new life.

The present appears to be bleak;
good people live with despair.

Joy for life may be absent; many feel lost and alone.

And Jesus says: "Follow me."

The people of God continue to gather
in order to see a new beginning.
The future appears to be bleak;
we do not know where we are going.
Excitement for life may be absent;
many still feel lost and alone.

And Jesus continues to say: "Follow me."

Some will lead and some will follow,
but all are called to live lives
of faithfulness, compassion, and love.

**God will be with us wherever we go
when we respond to Jesus' invitation:
"Follow me!"**

In our gathering for worship, may we experience Jesus' words
once again: "Follow me!"

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Hymn: Amazing Grace

[VU 266, Vs 1,2,3,5]

Prayer of Confession:

In those moments when we would rather not venture out,
**O God, grant us the courage to face the issues and get
going.**

At those times when we feel we can go it alone,
**O God, give us the joy of working with others in the
strength of faith community.**

When we feel that our efforts are falling on stony ground,
**O God, grant us the knowledge that patience
will win out and that persistence will reap a reward.**

(a time of silent reflection)

When we feel apathetic and uncertain,
you will inspire us.

When we have lost confidence and lost our way,
you will affirm and direct us.

When we are anxious and fearful,
you will breathe peace into us.

Your peace, O God,
**the peace that goes beyond all human understanding
is with us now and always. Amen.**

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Candle Lighting

A time of silence

Music Ministry

A time of silence

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Mark 4:26-34

Sermon: "Have Faith"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Will Your Anchor Hold

[VU 675, Vs. 1,2,4]

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!*