# Stouffville United Church 34 Church Street, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 1E3 www.stouffvilleuc.ca October 17, 2021

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## **MUSICAL 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 OF CHRIST CANDLE

## Leader:

For the many who have answered when they heard your call to serve, for the many ways you have led us, testing will and stretching nerve, for our work and witness as we strive against the odds, we come here again today to gain encouragement, to gain courage knowing that you are the light of the world.

All: "Christ is the light of the world"

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Tell them that I need it," says Christ. "I need humble ones to carry my life to bring

hope to the people

All: We will be Love!

Leader: Who will be Hope to the People?

All: We will be full of Grace!

Leader: Stay beside me now as I travel, for tomorrow the way may not be so welcoming

All: We will be Forgiving!

#### PRAYER OF APPROACH

All:

Dear God we gather in response to Jesus' invitation. As a family with unique and differing members, we gather as one people, aware of our differences yet not divided by them. We hold in common a longing for our spiritual home. Be with us as we worship with you. Amen

**OPENING HYMN:** 374 - Come and Find the Quiet Centre

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**: Jeremiah 33:14-16

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 21:25-36

SERMON "Signs of Hope"

**MUSIC MINISTRY** 

A TIME OF SILENCE

#### **OFFERING**

All: The bills and the coins and the numbers in the bank are symbols of the work of our hands, loving God. We offer them to you, that they would be signs and symbols of our worship as they go toward your house. May they be used in ways that bring healing and wholeness to all your people. Amen

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

On earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory

Forever and ever. Amen

CLOSING HYMN 25 - Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending

**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH** 

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE**