

Stouffville United Church

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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:

"I am the light of the world," Jesus said.

"Whoever follows me will have the light of life."

John 8:12

Call to Worship:

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

Let us recognize God's presence with us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people we have gathered:

All: let us worship together.

Faithful one, whose word is life:

come with saving power

to free our praise,

inspire our prayer

and shape our lives

for the kingdom of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn: My Life Flows On

[VU 716]

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God we come to you today with a sense of Humility. We recognize that we sometimes give in To self-serving interests rather than carry out your

Work in the world.

You call us to service, but often your invitation
Falls on our closed hearts and minds.

Forgive us when we only look to our own interests
And ignore the interests of those around us and the
Interests of creation.

We ask for your blessing and guidance, so that we
May enter a state of harmony with each other and
With creation.

(a time of silent reflection)

Amen

Words of Assurance:

God is the one who reconciles and makes new.

God instills in us a sense of peace when we are
surrounded by conflict.

God has shown us the true nature of humility by
coming to us in human form.

Knowing that God is alongside us each day, let us
embrace forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

-Aaron Palmer, St. Paul's UC, New Liskeard, ON

A time of silence

Music Ministry

A time of silence

Offering

God calls us to share in God's work of caring
for creation and for one another.

Creation reminds us of God's generosity

and invites us to live with abundant giving.

Therefore, friends, I ask that you continue to give as you have been
so faithfully. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Generous and loving God, we give thanks for your
wonderful and plentiful blessings. We give thanks
for the wonder of creation and all creatures that we
share it with. May we always treat creation wisely,
offering our talents and gifts to you to care for all

the earth and its inhabitants. In Jesus name we
Pray. Amen.

-Tony Tuck, First UC, Nfld. & Lab.

Prayer for Illumination

May the readings today shed light on a shadowed world yearning for hope. May we be blessed in the receiving of these words of comfort and hope.

Amen.

-Sharon Winegarden, Lion's Head Pike Bay P.C., Lion's Head, ON

Scripture: (NRSV)

Psalm 26

2 Samuel 7: 1-17

Sermon: "Has God left the building?"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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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

Hymn: Long before the Night

[VU 282]

Blessing

Music Postlude

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