

## **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 of the Christ Candle**

In the Spirit of Christ Who calls us to be the Church and to Celebrate God's presence; we light the Christ candle to symbolize Christ in our midst.

*The Christ Candle is lit*

Response: *Jesus Christ the Light of the World*

### **Call to Worship:**

Praise be to God, Creator of time and space, Who has set eternity in our hearts and Who gives us this day for our good and to do good. Let us worship the Lord who makes everything beautiful in its time.

**Hymn:** Come Let Us Sing

[VU 222]

### **Prayer of Approach and Confession:**

Lord God, give us the courage to begin again in this new year by forgetting what lies behind – by overlooking the difficulties, overcoming the obstacles and staying open to the moment as best we can. Help us to strain forward for what lies ahead by being patient enough to know it takes time to start over, and wise enough to ask for help. And as we seek to fulfill your upward call on our lives, help us to forgive ourselves and accept forgiveness when we fail and fall short. This we pray in Jesus' Name.

### **Words of Assurance:**

God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not counting our trespasses against us. Therefore be assured and believe your sins are forgiven.

## **Music Ministry:**

### **A time of silence**

### **Offertory**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

Lord, You called us to be Your people, to walk in Your Way Lord Jesus; and so we come with the offering of ourselves and the gifts from the work of our hands, hearts and minds seeking Your words of comfort and challenge.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Scripture: Romans 8:14-17**

**Hymn:** In Christ There is No East or West [VU 606]

#### **Sermon: "Coping in a Crisis"**

### **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:** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say [VU 626]

### **Blessing**

**Closing Response** [VU 967]

### **Music Postlude**

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