

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 (Psalm 66:1-4)

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of his name;

give to him glorious praise!

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

All the earth worships you

and sings praises to you;

they sing praises to your name."

Hymn: 374 VU - Come and Find the Quiet Centre

Children Worship (in lower auditorium)

Prayer of Approach and Confession: (unison)

Lord, it is hard to take stock of all the different things we have done against Your will and command. We each are so used to hiding our faults and weaknesses from others that we sometimes find it difficult to even remember all our sins. But, on several occasions, we have refused Your grace and made us feel unworthy to be called Your child. Let us now, like the Prodigal Son, return from a foreign land, starved and poor, weary from the journey, and, if we are truly humbled, truthful and contrite, restore us to our inheritance of heavenly bliss. Amen.

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

Minute for Mission

Offertory

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Everlasting Father, thank You that You are the light of the world, guiding our steps on Your path. Your word says that the earth is Yours, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to You. We recognize everything we have belongs to You. We acknowledge that our very lives belong to You. We now offer back to You a portion of what You have given us. May You O Lord bless it and make use of it for Your glory honour and praise. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6

Hymn: 343 VU - I Love to Tell the Story

Sermon: You are Called to a New Way! *Series 7*

*Sermon Series: Who Do You Think You Are?
Finding Your True Identity in Christ.*

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

Hymn: 138 MV - My Love Colours Outside the Lines

Blessing

Closing Response

Music Postlude

(VU 967)