

**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**

L: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**P: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

L: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**P: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

L: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

**P: AMEN!**

### **Hymn: 115 VU - Jesus Tempted in the Desert**

Children Worship (in lower auditorium)

### **Prayer of Approach and Confession: (unison)**

Lord God, as we reflect on the terrible events in Ukraine and the world where hatred born in the heart of one person caused such pain and loss in so many others; help us to reflect on how easily it is for us all to allow our own selfishness and stubbornness to get in the way of unity, and community. In Your infinite love, O God, seek Your forgiveness and healing. Help us to turn our lives back to Your care, Your wisdom, and Your will. Open our hearts and our spirits to truly receive the blessings of your healing love, so that we may give that to others. For it is in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, that we pray. 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: Psalm 32**  
**Matthew 13:44-46**

**Hymn: 672 VU - Take Time to Be Holy**

**Sermon: What are You After?**

*Sermon Series: Sometimes You Win; Sometimes You Learn -Parables of Jesus 2.*

**Prayers of the People****The Lord's Prayer**

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: 28 MV - *God of the Bible***

**Blessing**

**Closing Response** (VU 967)

**Music Postlude**