

**Stouffville United Church**

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Easter Sunday

**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**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**People: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

Leader: Darkness has been vanquished!

**People: THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!**

Leader: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

**People: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!!**

**Hymn:** 155 VU - Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Words of Assurance:**

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. 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**

Children Worship (in lower auditorium)

## **Offertory: Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow 541 VU**

### **Offertory Prayer** (unison)

Lord God of Resurrection and Redemption, we offer our gifts alongside our alleluias! We offer our hands and feet and voices to take the celebration out of this place into a world that needs hope so desperately! May we go into the world with such energy, excitement, and power that the ground shakes once again, that lightning flashes, and that people see in us your redeeming love and the triumph of light over darkness! In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen. ([Matthew 28:1-10](#))

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:** John 20:1-20

**Hymn:** 122 MV - This is the Day

**Sermon:** "What Easter Gives Back"

## **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:** 173 VU - Thine is the Glory

## **Blessing**

**Closing Response** Halle Halle (VU 958)

## **Music Postlude**