

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: Who releases us from our bondage to sin?

P: It is God who draws us up from Sheol!

L: Who feeds and tends our lives?

P: It is the Risen Christ who nourishes us!

L: Praise be to God who has saved us!

P: Praise be to Christ who calls us to worship and serve. AMEN.

Hymn: 158 VU - Christ Is Alive

Prayer of Approach and Confession: (unison)

We rejoice in the wonder of your resurrection, O Christ, but then tend to sink back into our old ways of thinking, behaving, responding to people's needs. We can dance with the angels and all humankind on Easter Sunday, but the days following the Day of Resurrection cause us to slip back into apathy or despair. Forgive us when we so easily become distracted by our own cares and worries that we ignore the needs of others around us. Forgive us when we forget your power and love for us. Charge us up, O Lord! Set our hearts to dancing! Give us a spirit for rejoicing, willing hearts and hands for helping, voices for praising you forever! 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

Sacrament of Baptism

Children Worship (in lower auditorium)

Offertory

Offertory Prayer (unison)

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-34

Hymn: 443 VU - God We Pray At This Beginning

Sermon: "The Power of Influence"

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: 163 MV - River Running In You And Me (Vs: 1, 2, 4, 5, 7)

Blessing

Closing Response (VU 967)

Music Postlude