

Stouffville United Church

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Mother's Day

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

(inspired by Luke 15:11-32)

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

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

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

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

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

AMEN!

Hymn: 227 VU - For The Fruit Of All Creation

Prayer of Approach and Confession: (unison)

Merciful God, in you we have found our inheritance

and received much more than we have ever deserved. However, we have often squandered that inheritance, choosing to spoil it rather than share it with others.

Forgive us for the moments when we have been selfish and simply set our sights on our own desires instead of others' needs. Broaden our gaze that we might live righteous lives pleasing to you and beneficial to your eternal kingdom. Greet us as the forgiving father greeted his wayward son.

Welcome us home for we long to live within your faithfulness. This we pray in name of the One whom we adore, Jesus Christ. 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**

Children Worship (in lower auditorium)

Offertory**Offertory Prayer** (unison)

Lord God, it was said of the Prodigal Son that he "came to himself", while Older brother only looked on; help us to wake up to ourselves, and to You. Set us free from the illusion of trying to be perfect so that we might be more fully human. Help us not to chase after an imaginary life, and to find satisfaction in our real lives. And turn us away from our self-rejection so that we might see that Your arms open in welcome and use what we offer here in Your presence today toward that purpose in our church, community and world. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture: Luke 15:11-32**

Hymn: 708 VU - My Lord, What A Morning

Sermon: "You're So Right that You're Wrong"

Series "Sometimes You Win, Sometimes you Learn"

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: 574 VU - Come Let Us Sing Of A Wonderful Love

Blessing

Closing Response (VU 967)

Music Postlude