**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: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God’s love!
**P: In God’s eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.**L: In God’s eternal realm, peace and hope reign!
**P: Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!**L: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!
**P: Praise be to God. AMEN!**

**Hymn:  VU 213 - Rejoice the Lord is King**

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

Lord, You know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared. Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. 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)

Loving and righteous God, you are far more generous to us, and to all who work in your kingdom, than we desire or deserve. Make us generous to others as you have been to us. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Prayer for Illumination**

Scripture: Genesis 6:9-22

**Hymn: VU 530 - How Beautiful the March of Days**

Sermon: “Plan Ahead- it wasn’t Raining When Noah Built the Ark”

*Series: Lessons I Learned from Noah*

**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: VU 375 - Spirit of Gentleness**

**Blessing**

**Closing Response** (VU 967)

**Music Postlude**