

## **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: Sing to the Lord a new song!

**P: We sing a song of peace and hope!**

L: Sing to the Lord a song of strength.

**P: Our strength is in the Lord of hosts!**

L: Sing to the Lord a song of joy!

**P: Our song is a song of service and faithfulness. AMEN.**

**Hymn:** Come, Now is the Time for Worship

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

God of healing mercies, we come to you this day as imperfect people. We know that you desire for us hope, happiness, and love, yet we have found so many ways in which to block your gifts, or to grab hold of them as if we were entitled to them. We have been given the pathway to peace in the witness of Jesus Christ. He taught us to live as people of compassion and service. But our service has been mostly for ourselves, for our own gratification. We have failed to be your church, your witnesses on earth. We have neglected the needs of others in our rush for our own comfort. Forgive us, O merciful God. Heal our wounded spirits. Turn us again to you, that we may again learn of your love and mercy. Help us to become partners in peace and hope for others. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

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### **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:** If I stand

### **A time of silence**

Children Worship (in lower auditorium)

## **Offertory**

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

God of All, we are so thankful for this opportunity to give. Our joy is tempered by the knowledge that so many of your children suffer in war-ravaged countries and impoverished cities. Multiply these gifts so that those oppressed by injustice may experience your care. Awaken us so that our need to act faithfully against all injustice is reflected in how we speak and how we serve. In your holy name, we pray. Amen. Psalm 82

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture: Genesis 8: 1-22**

**Hymn: VU 238 - How Great Thou Art**

### **Sermon "Finish Strong"**

*Series 8: 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 217 - All Creatures of our God and King**

## **Blessing**

## **Closing Response**

**Music Postlude:** There is a Redeemer