

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

The foolish say, 'there is no God.'

**We come, trusting in Jesus, the face, the voice,
the presence of the God who loves us.**

The scoffers of our age ask, 'why do you seek after God?'

**We come, in this time,
because God's grace has spilled over in our lives.**

The hopeless around us think, 'no one cares about me.'

**We come, in this time, to this place,
because Jesus has found us and brought us home.**

Hymn: Let Us Build A House - MV 1

Prayer of Approach and Confession: (unison)

O Lord our God, you are the God of abundant grace,
may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another,

that we might discover your presence

in the smile of a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us. And open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance

and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. And when we fail to do so; forgive us and remind us of your grace and mercy which empowers us to start again. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not counting our trespasses against us. Therefore be assured and believe you are loved and your sins are forgiven.

Music Ministry:

A time of silence

Offertory VU 542

Offertory Prayer (unison)

God of relentless love, the Gospel reminds us of the joy you feel when one of your children chooses the path of repentance and redemption. We picture the celebration in your heart when that choice is made. We also know how prone we are to wander off that path as we pursue those things that satisfy ourselves only. Receive the gifts we offer this day as a sign of our striving to get back on the path that leads us to you. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, the light on our path! Amen. ([Luke 15:1-10](#))

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Nehemiah 2:1-9

Hymn: Walk With Me - VU 649

Sermon "Just Three Questions"

Series: Nehemiah: Reclaiming, Restoring, Rebuilding

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: We Shall Go Out - VU 586

Blessing

Closing Response : Go Make A Difference MV

Music Postlude