

Stouffville United Church

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Orange Shirt 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

L: Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!

P: Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!

L: Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.

P: Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.

L: Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us.

P: Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all. AMEN.

Hymn: 8 MV - And On This Path

Prayer of Approach and Confession: (unison)

Merciful Lord, we come this day to worship and thank you for the many ways you guide our lives. We ask that our hearts, our ears, and our spirits may be open to your healing words of love. Too, often we like to think that we do everything well. We pat ourselves on the back when we act with love and mercy toward others, complimenting ourselves in self-righteousness. But you know us better. You know our faults and our failings. You know when we falsely proclaim that we are truly living as you would have us live. Teach us again about your forgiving and healing love. Show us ways of merciful living that we may extend the love and mercy you have given us to others. Forgive us, we pray. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

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

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Compassionate God, as Nehemiah was called to serve and called others to do so as well by the work of their hands, the sweat of their brow and money in their pockets; so today do we offer that which you first gave to us for your will and work. Blessing it we pray in Jesus's Name. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Nehemiah 3:1-5

Hymn: 678 VU - For the Healing of the Nations

Sermon "Everyday Heroes"

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: 144 MV - Like a Healing Stream

Blessing

Closing Response (VU 967)

Music Postlude