

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: Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

P: Thanks be to God for God's mighty wonders.

L: Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment, God's majesty is revealed in all creation.

P: We look around us at the wonders and marvel and the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.

L: Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

P: We are God's beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for the world. AMEN.

Hymn: 122 MV - This is the Day

Prayer of Approach and Confession: (unison)

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely overlook the wonders of your creation, O God. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us. But we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior. Forgive the times of greed and selfishness. Help us to let go of the petty desires for position, and power, and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and purpose for all your people. These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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)

Lord Jesus, as we offer our gifts to you this day, we pray that, in our giving, we may be reconnected to the reason why we follow and the reason why we give. You called us to be disciples who make disciples. Help us avoid that which distracts, the desire to hear the things that please us and make the road easier, but that will not bring us to the kingdom of love, mercy, and compassion you desire for us. In Christ, we pray, our guiding light. Amen. (2 Timothy 3:14-4:5)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Nehemiah 5:1-16

Hymn: Mighty to Save**Sermon "Be the Wind Beneath Someone's Wings"**

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: 145 MV - Draw the Circle Wide**Blessing****Closing Response** (VU 967)**Music Postlude**