

Stouffville United Church
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November 20, 2022
169th Anniversary Sunday

Music Prelude

Men of Note

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: Great is the Lord!

P: God has redeemed God's people!

L: Let the heavens shout with joy!

P: Let all the people celebrate God's awesome love!

L: Shout and sing praise to God!

P: For God has healed and restored God's people.

L: Hallelujah!

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Hymn: 42 MV - Praise God for This Holy Ground

Prayer of Approach and Confession: (unison)

Lord of light and life, we come to you this day in celebration of the witness of your Son Jesus Christ. Open our hearts, our spirits, and our lives to listen to his words for us. We give thanks that you O Lord for you have brought this community of faith through 169 years of ministry and service. We pray that we may receive the wisdom and strength to continue in your will for years to come. To do this we need to acknowledge our failings and how we are too easily distracted and too easily give into thoughts of giving up. Teach us to listen and to place our trust in your abiding power. 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 you are loved and your sins are forgiven.

Music Ministry: Men of Note
A time of silence

Offertory

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Almighty, God, we humbly bring our gifts to you this day. May we in this season of gratitude live and give in a way that reflects your reign over us and through our lives. In the exalted name of Christ, we pray. Amen. ([Luke 23:33-43](#))

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Nehemiah 9:1-22

Hymn: 660 VU - How Firm A Foundation

Video shared

Sermon "When the Bottom Drops Out-What Then?"

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:

Blessing

Closing Response

Men of Note

Music Postlude