

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

By lighting this candle, we are acknowledging that God and Jesus are here with us today, bringing light into our lives.

The Christ Candle is lit

Response: *Jesus Christ the Light of the World*

Call to Worship

We have gathered to worship God.

We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

We have come to open ourselves to the power of Jesus' presence in our midst.

We have come to offer up to God the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to ask Jesus' help in our learning and in our growing.

Hymn: "God, Who Has Caused to be Written"

[VU 498]

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Ever-present God, you are the hope that overcomes despair.

You are the peace that overcomes anxiety.

You are the joy that overcomes discontent.

You are the love that overcomes apathy.

We thank you and praise your name.

**You are the way, and in faith,
we aspire to follow your guiding light. Amen.**

Words of Hope

To all who turn from God's guiding light,
to all who turn to God in hope,
this is God's word of grace:
we are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.
This gift we have from God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Music Ministry:

A time of silence

Invitation to the Offering

Participating in what God is doing is a gift that we have been given. Being part of something larger than ourselves gives life meaning and connects us with others in empowering ways. Let the gifts you offer to your church serve God's dreams and visions for those both near and far.

Offertory

[VU 542]

**We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.**

Offertory Prayer (unison)

**Bless, O God, these our gifts, and bless our desire to
participate with you in the building of your dream for us.
Accept these gifts as a sign of our love for you and for our
neighbors. Amen**

Prayer for Illumination

O God, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Luke 21:1-19

Jesus sees the poor widow and then predicts the destruction of the temple, and warns his followers about the false messiahs, wars, and persecutions that they will have to face.

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God

Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"

[VU 660]

Reflection: "The Widow's Offering, The Destruction of the Temple Foretold, Signs and Persecutions"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "May the God of Hope Go With Us"

[VU 424]

Blessing

Go forth into a world that needs new visions.
Bring the message of hope and love,
of justice and peace, to all you meet.
Live the dream. Make it reality.
Celebrate endings and new beginnings,
challenges and promises.
Live the new creation. Amen.

Closing Response

[MV 209]

Music Postlude