

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

Call to Worship (Isaiah 49, The Message)

L: Listen up, everyone!

God has given us work to do.

**P: God has called each of us
before we were even born.**

L: It was God who named us.

P: It is God who claims us.

L: The light of God's love shines in us.

P: Let's shine God's love into all the world!

Hymn: 232 VU - Joyful Joyful

Prayer of Approach and Confession: (unison)

God of Isaiah,
you are our God, too.
You spoke to the prophets,
but your message did not end with them.
There is still work to be done,
and we pray to hear your call afresh.
Help us joyfully claim our role
as your beloved servants,
knowing that you provide all that we need
to do our work.
You walked with us before we were even born,
and you continue to hold us by the hand
each and every day of our lives.
We pray with the confidence of those
who have been filled with your light.
Forgive us when we forget this and wander aimlessly. We pray with the assurance of those
who have been called into fellowship
with your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen. (Isaiah 49, 1 Corinthians 1)

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 are forgiven.

Music Ministry:

A time of silence

Offertory

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Good and generous God, we bring our gifts to you this day and pray you might dedicate them to your work. We confess that we have too often missed being the church you wanted and needed, and we have placed the blame on "not having enough" money, members, talent, time, or power. We needed to be reminded by the apostle Paul that we have all that we need, whatever our circumstances. Renew us, loving God, and give us a new day and another chance. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen. (1 Corinthians 1:1-9)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Philippians 1

Hymn: 154 MV - Deep in Our Hearts

Sermon "**On Being a Benediction**"

Philippians Series "Finding Joy Right Where You Are"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven
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: 249 VU - Rejoice in the Lord Always

Blessing

Closing Response

Music Postlude