

**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**

**Call to Worship (Psalm 27:1)**

Leader: We are called to the work of Israel, to the work of Jesus.

**People: We are called to spread God's love in this world.**

Leader: We can do this work, as we are, because of the Holy Spirit.

**People: By God's grace, we are salt.**

Leader: We purify, we cleanse, we bind, we bring out the best in people.

**People: By God's grace, we are light.**

Leader: We allow things to be seen as they are. We point to holiness.

**People: By God's grace, we follow the commandments and the law.**

Leader: We love the Lord our God and our neighbors as ourselves.

**People: By God's grace, we are salt. We are light. God transforms us and uses us.**

Leader: Let us worship our God, so full of transformative grace.

**Hymn: 339 VU - When Morning Gilds the Skie**

Prayer of Approach and Confession:

One: God of Peace, we come to you recognizing that the people whom you love have not always been faithful to you.

**All: In the wilderness, in foreign cities, in Jerusalem, and the Promised Land: it has always been difficult for your people to live in peace with one another.**

One: Yet, your will for us is the peace that passes all understanding, the peace that only you can give.

**All: Be with us now and gather us in. We confess the ways we weave and have woven with woe, not with blessing. We have condemned and pointed rather than sought healing. We have hungered and thirsted, but we have kept others from the table. Help us hear your voice anew. Help us walk humbly in the way of your justice and kindness, and feel your peace and power in our lives. 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 you are forgiven.

**Music Ministry:****A time of silence****Offertory**

**Offertory Prayer** (unison) ([Matthew 5:13-20](#)) God of all creation, source of every blessing: you have given us so much. As we bring our tithes and gifts to you this day, these seem so small by comparison, unless we see that we are truly called to give ourselves back to the world. May we be the salt that brings value and flavor into relationships with those around us. May we be the light that helps others find their way to your love and care. We pray all of this in the mighty name of Jesus, who came to help us see all we could be. Amen.

**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture: Philippians 2:1-30****Hymn: 595 VU - We Are Pilgrims****Sermon "Attitude Adjustment"**

*Philippians Series 4: "Finding Joy Right Where You Are"*

**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: 375 VU - Spirit of Gentleness****Blessing****Closing Response****Music Postlude**