

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 the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Psalm 119)

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

Hymn: 374 VU - Come and Find the Quiet Centre

Prayer of Approach and Confession:(Deuteronomy 30, Matthew 5)

Holy Spirit, guide us as we walk in faith, and guard us against the powers that would draw us away from your love. Help us live according to your commandments, that we might live long in the land you have prepared for us. Prompt us to seek you with our whole heart and guide us to walk in your ways, that we may carry out the vows of the covenant we share. May our words and deeds bring life and faith to others, as we hold fast to the gift of faith. Be near us each and every day, and bless us with your light, that our days may be filled with grace. Forgive us, O God. When we flee from your embrace, draw us into community with you and with one another. Shower us with the cleansing waters of humility, that we may reclaim our purpose and find nourishment and growth in labors of love to bring your kingdom in our midst. 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) (1 Corinthians 3)

Gracious God, as we present these offerings, may we be reminded of the many blessings you have shared with us as individuals, and as a community of believers. You have fed us with the milk of your grace, and have nurtured us with a love that knows no limits or boundaries. May our sharing this day reveal our priorities and our promises, for we belong to you and offer you our gifts, that they may be used in mission and in ministry to bring glory to you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Philippians 3:1-14

Hymn: 642 VU - Be Thou My Vision

Sermon **"When Giving Up is Not an Option"**

Philippians Series 5: "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: 145 MV - Draw the Circle Wide**Blessing****Closing Response****Music Postlude**