

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 (Exodus 24, Matthew 17)

As God called to Moses from the mountain,
we are called to be God's people.
As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him
to the peak of another mountain,
we are called to follow wherever he leads.
As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,
we are called to worship in wonder and praise.

Hymn: 8 MV - And On This Path

Prayer of Approach and Confession (Exodus 24, Matthew 17)

Though we want to walk with Moses
and see God's holy radiance,
**we hide in the mist of our own desires,
unable to perceive the presence of God's grace.**
While we want a world of justice and peace,
**we walk in clouds of selfishness,
unable to share God's loving-kindness.**
Though we want to follow Jesus up the mountain,
we cower in fear, unable to bear the light of God

Shine in us, around us, and through us, that the world may see your glory in the faces of your people faces transfigured in the light of your love 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)

Lord our God, and Giver of all good things,
in your presence, everything is gift.

Bless these gifts which you first gave to us through the work of our hands the sweat of our brow and the thoughts of our minds represented here; that they may be used to nourish the ministry and life and work of this church in the name of Jesus Christ, our light and the light of the world. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Philippians 3:1-10

Hymn: 371 VU - Open My Eyes That I May See

Sermon "**The Mathematics of Heaven**"

Philippians Series 6: "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: 657 VU - He Leadeth Me**Blessing****Closing Response****Music Postlude**