

Stouffville United Church
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March 12, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent
P.I.E Sunday

Music Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord!

P: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

L: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

P: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

L: Come, let us worship and celebrate God's loving presence with us.

P: We sing to God with our hearts and our spirits. AMEN.

Hymn: 415 VU - God We Praise You For the Morning - OMIT VERSE 6

Prayer of Approach and Confession

O Lord our God, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love. Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away, unable to truly believe that you would actually heal and love us. We have behaved in very unloving ways, and unwelcoming to those who feel and are marginalized. We have chosen at times to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them. Our hearts are not always placed in service to others, but rather in self-serving motives. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us be faithful servants welcoming and receiving all people. 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)

God, our provider, in Christ you give us a spring of pure water that overflows to eternal life. Your love and hope fill our hearts, so we want to worship you in Spirit and truth. Open our eyes to see the places in this neighborhood where our church's ministries could reach new people. Direct our gifts and offerings for your purposes, so that our community will become like a field ripe for harvest. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen. ([John 4:5-42](#))

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9

Hymn: 267 VU - Like a Mighty River Flowing

Video

Sermon "**Stand Firm**"

Philippians Series 9: "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: 109 VU - Now Quit Your Care

Blessing

Closing Response

Music Postlude