

Stouffville United Church
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Easter

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 118, John 20)

Christ is risen!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Death has lost its sting.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Rejoice in this day of salvation.

God's steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia!

Flowering of the Cross

Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today # 155

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Living God, rejoicing in this day of resurrection, we have come to celebrate the strength of your love—a love that triumphs even over death. As we exult in the miracle of your incarnate love, we thank you for the opportunity to encounter the Risen Christ Jesus here in our midst. Forgive us when we go through our daily routine, forgetting to look for the Risen One. Forgive us when coming to worship is more about seeing our friends than it is about encountering you and our Resurrected Lord. Open our eyes and our hearts, O God, to the full awareness of your presence with us, in each and every moment of our lives. We pray in the name of the Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Alleluia and 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.

Reception of New Member: By Transfer of Membership (Jacqui Tucker)

Music Ministry:

A time of silence

Offertory

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Mighty God of Resurrection and Redemption, we offer our gifts alongside our alleluias! We long for Easter to fill us and soak into our bones like those who were confronted in a graveyard by angels announcing, "He is not here, he is risen!" May we run from here, not walk, because we and every corner of the world so desperately need to hear the news the angels share! Before we speak a word, may others see in our faces that the world has been turned upside down. You win; death loses. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen. ([Matthew 28:1-10](#))

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1Corinthians 15:35-58

Hymn: This Joyful Eastertide #177

Video

Sermon "**Built to Last**"

Easter Series 3: "Once and for All"

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: *The Day of Resurrection* #164

Blessing

Closing Response

Music Postlude

Carrying of the Cross