

**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 31)**

L: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge.

**P: Let me never be put to shame.  
Deliver me in your righteousness.**

L: Turn your ear to me.

Come quickly to my rescue.

**P: Be my rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress to save me.**

L: Since you are my rock and my fortress,

**P: lead and guide me,  
for the sake of your name.**

L: Let your face shine upon your servant.

**P: Save me in your unfailing love!**

**Hymn:**

**401 VU - Worship the Lord**

**Prayer of Approach and Confession**

**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)**

Receive these gifts this morning, O God,  
author of every good gift.  
Out of the bounty of our hearts,  
we respond with faithful generosity and love.  
May these gifts become blessings for others  
as they have been blessing for us. Amen.

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:** Esther 2

## **Hymn: 374 VU - Come and Find the Quiet Centre**

Sermon **"What is Wrong with the World?"**  
*Second in the Series on Esther: "For Such a Time as This"*

## **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: 675 VU - Will Your Anchor Hold**

## **Blessing**

## **Closing Response**

## **Music Postlude**