

Stouffville United Church
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Sunday August 27, 2023

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

L: God has called all of us here beloved.

P: We are given new names of hope and promise.

L: Even though storms and trials have assailed us,

P: God has drawn us through to the time of salvation.

L: Thanks be to God for God's victory in Jesus Christ!

P: May Jesus reign in our hearts all of our days. AMEN.

Hymn: All Creatures O f Our God and King VU 217

Prayer of Approach and Confession

We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our savior Jesus Christ. When, we forget this Lord, have mercy upon us.

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: **Teach Me, God To Wonder** **VU 299**
 Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace **VU 684**

A Time Of Silence

Offertory

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Esther 8:1-17 (9:15-16, 10:1-3)

Hymn: God Who Gives To Life Its Goodness VU 260

Sermon **"When Life Hands You Lemons..."**

Ninth and Final 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:

Blessing

Closing Response

Music Postlude