

Stouffville United Church

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Sunday September 3, 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: We are standing on holy ground.

P: All those who have gone before us have witnessed to the love of God.

P: Lord, open our hearts and spirits to accept the call to serve you by helping others.

All: AMEN

Hymn: All Creatures Of Our God And King

[VU 217]

Prayer of Approach and Confession Lord God, you are the author of summer sunshine and autumn harvest, be with us this day as we gather to encounter your word and your way for us. Remind us that we can place our trust in your eternal love.

Enable us to be more effective in our witness to that love by word and deed. Guide our steps and pick us up when we falter. Dust us off and place us on the pathways of grace and service when we fail.

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: O Lord my God
Fairest Lord Jesus

[VU 238]
[VU 341]

A time of silence

Offertory

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:6-23

Hymn: Open My Eyes That I May See

[VU 371]

Sermon "**From Loser to Ruler**"
First in the Series on the Life of David:

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: All Glory Laud and Honour

[VU 122]

Blessing

Closing Response

Music Postlude