

**Stouffville United Church**  
34 Church Street, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 1E3  
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Sunday October 1, 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: Place your trust in the Lord, for God will provide.

**P: There are times when we are so fearful.**

L: Place your trust in the Lord, for God is with you.

**P: There are times when we wonder if we can get past our troubles.**

L: Come, place your trust in the Lord, every day, in all your ways.

**P: Lord, we come to you, seeking your healing love and mercy. AMEN.**

**Hymn: #220 Praise to the Lord the Almighty (VU)**

**Prayer of Approach and Confession**

Lord, you are the God of hope and peace, you are with us in all our days and in all our ways. As you walked with the Israelites in the desert, when they had given up hope, you came to them with nourishment and your steadfast love. As Jesus walked through Jerusalem, healing the sick and those afflicted, your love was made abundantly clear through acts of love and mercy. Be with us this day as we gather to hear your word. Inspire and encourage us in all that we do, that we may serve you faithfully, bringing hope and your message of love to your thirsting world.

When we seek our own comfort and neglect opportunities to help others, when we, by our thoughts and actions, betray you, you always are with us. Forgive us for all those acts of cowardice and self-centeredness that have drawn us away from you. Heal our spirits and rebuild our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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: 'Almighty Father'**

**A Time Of Silence**

**Offertory** 'In You there is a Refuge' #84 v.1 [MV]

**Offertory Doxology** 'God of All Good' #537 (VU)

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 24:1-22

**Hymn: #173 'Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands' verses 1,2,3  
5(+descant) {MV}**

Sermon "**Hurt People, Hurt People**"  
*Fifth in the Series on the Life of David*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**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: #678 'For the Healing of the Nations' verses 1,2 4 (+descant)**

**Blessing**

**Closing Response Amen #974**

**Music Postlude**