

Stouffville United Church
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Sunday September 10, 2023

Music Prelude Fairest Lord Jesus (Arr by RS Willis)

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: Come out of the darkness of despair into the brightness of God's transforming love.

P: We praise God for God's presence with us!

L: Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God's mercy and healing.

P: We thank God for God's mercy toward us.

L: Come, let us praise and worship God who is always with us.

P: Thanks be to God at all times and in all places. AMEN.

Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing VU #326

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Gracious God, we come this day seeking courage and hope for the future. Our world is in such peril. Heal these wounds and quiet the words of war. Help us to be those who bring peace in our families and communities. Banish the darkness of doubt and fear; and when we fail or falter, anoint us with your light and love that we may spread the good news of your mercy to everyone. 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:

A Time Of Silence

Offertory VU#537 Your Work, O God Needs Many Hands

Offertory Prayer

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17: 20-50

Hymn: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky VU #509;

Sermon "**Battling Your Giants**"

Second 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: How Firm a Foundation VU #660

Blessing

Closing Response VU#967 Three-Fold Amen

Music Postlude Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing (Arr by AV Fedak)