

Stouffville United Church
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Sunday September 17, 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: When the tides of fear seem to overwhelm us, we cry out....

P: Lord, come to us and lead us to paths of safety!

L: When we feel lost and alone and we wonder if anyone cares about us, we cry out....

P: Lord, come and heal our wounded spirits!

L: When turbulence within and without seem to threaten us, we cry out....

P: Lord, bring us peace. AMEN.

Hymn: Come now, Almighty King VU 314

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Lord, we confess that we don't always turn to you in our troubles. Sometimes we are paralyzed by fear and anxiety. We cannot see "the light at the end of the tunnel". For us, there is only the ongoing darkness and hopelessness. Clear our sight, O Lord. Bind up our wounded spirits!

Fill us with your mercy and love. Forgive us when we stray; when we fear; when we falter. Pick us up and place us on pathways of peace and hope, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. 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

Offertory Prayer

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 Samuel 18:1-17

Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing VU #559;

Sermon "**The Jaundice of the Soul**"
Third 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: Lead On, O King Eternal

Blessing

Closing Response

Music Postlude