

Stouffville United Church
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Sunday November 12, 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

Chorus: 1000 Hallelujahs

(Deb, Theresa, Lisa, Marlene and Rev John)

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

L: God is in God's holy temple. Be ready to greet the Redeemer.

P: Bless the Lord, ye people of his choice; stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.

L: God is with us and call us to this holy hour.

P: We come rejoicing and praising God

L: This day let service to God be your choice.

P: God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours; then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.

ALL: AMEN.

Hymn: What A Beautiful Name

Prayer of Approach and Confession

O Lord, there never seems to be enough time to do all the things that are demanded of us. Schedules become crowded. We live by the clock. We think we are ready for all events that will come our way. But we are rarely ready for you. We would like you to come to us at a planned time so that we can fit you into our busy lives. Forgive us, Lord, for trying to make you a scheduled event. We have moved you to a time on our weekly calendars. Yet you are the eternal God who has always loved us and been ready to receive us. Help us to learn that, with you as our foundation, we can handle anything that comes our way. With you as our focus, all things pale in comparison. Let us look at the priorities in our lives and see where we have placed service to you. 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: Gaelic Blessing**A Time Of Silence:****Offertory**

Offertory Doxology #544(VU)

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Blessing upon blessing has been given to us, O Lord, from your great bounty. Now we return these gifts to you. Bless these gifts and the lives that they represent and cause them to work for you in this world which you have loaned to us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: *Colossians 1:21-29*

Hymn: God Lights Up A Lamp

Sermon: A Life that Counts**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: #672 Take Time To Be Holy (VU)

Blessing

Closing Response #209 Go Make a Difference (MV)

Music Postlude