

**Stouffville United Church**  
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Sunday January 21, 2024

**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 - 'Oceans'**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

L: We Light this Candle as a symbol of the Light of Christ which that pierces the darkness and shines on each one of us.

**P: Amen**

**Call to Worship**

L: Gather this day in silence and hope

**P: We wait for God's word for us.**

L: Let your hearts and spirits be open.

**P: God is our strength and salvation.**

L: Wait patiently for the Lord.

**P: With willing hearts and spirits we wait for the Lord. AMEN.**

**Hymn: 'God Me, O Thou Great Jehovah' (MV #651)**

**Prayer of Approach and Confession**

O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus on whatever path he leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us to trust wholly in you. We know you understand our confusion and doubts. Forgive us when we look the other way when people are in need because we don't believe we can do anything. Forgive us our angry attitudes and actions which hurt rather than heal. Wrap your arms around us, healing our wounds, binding us to you. Gently move us into service in your 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: 'Find Us Faithful'**

## **A Time Of Silence:**

**Offertory:** '10,000 Reasons'

## **Offertory Doxology**

### **Offertory Prayer** (Unison)

Generous God, we ask you to bless the gifts we give this morning. We ask that you help grow the trust in us so that we might follow without looking back and we might leave behind more of our old lives to experience more deeply new life in you. Help us to leave our nets on the shore and leave those things that seemed essential before we heard the call, so that we might travel the road you have put before us. In the name of Christ who goes before us and beside us, we pray. Amen. ([Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#); [Mark 1:14-20](#))

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture: James 1:1-12**

**Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus (MV #626)**

Video Clip

## **Sermon: Pressure Point – Doubting**

Third in Series on Book of James: "Pressure Points"

## **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: Guide My Feet**

**Blessing**

**Closing Response**

**Music Postlude**