

Stouffville United Church
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Sunday February 4, 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 Here I Am To Worship
What A Beautiful Name

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: How wonderful it is to sing our praises to God!

P: Praise the Lord who gathers us together.

L: God's mercy is given generously to all in need.

P: We are never out of the reach of God's love.

L: Come, worship and celebrate. God is reaching out to you this day!

P: Praise be to God who continually heals and forgives us. AMEN.

Hymn: #806 Psalm 90 'O God Our Help In Ages Past' (Vs 1,2 & 5,6)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Lord God, from the very beginning you blessed creation. You have loved and shielded your people through all joys and trials of life. We come to you this day, rejoicing in the many blessings you have given to us. We open our hearts again to hear your word for us and to gather strength and joy for service in your world. Yet we have a tendency to take all that you do for us for granted. We fight and argue to press our will and viewpoint and our pride gets in the way. We insist on war as solutions for problems rather than peaceful striving. We turn our backs on people in need, the weak and downtrodden go unnoticed in our midst. We always believe that someone else will care for those in need. How foolish we are, O God! Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits. We pray 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: We Will Walk In The Light

A Time Of Silence:

Offertory:

Offertory Doxology

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

God of power and patience, we gather in worship to wait on your presence and to be filled with your power. Jesus healed with a touch and taught us that you are the source of the true healing that can make us whole. As we take time now in worship to offer our gifts to you, we pray that they might be used to bring healing: of body, of spirit, of broken relationships; healing of a planet that is groaning under our carelessness and greed; healing of a world community that is deeply divided by distrust and self-interest. We pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen. (Isaiah 40:21-31, Mark 1:29-39)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: James 1:1-12

Hymn: #670 Precious Lord Take My Hand

Video Clip

Sermon: "Pressure Point – When Things Are Upside Down"

Fifth 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: His Robes For Mine

Blessing

Closing Response

Music Postlude