

**Stouffville United Church**  
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Sunday February 11, 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      Desert Song**  
**I Thank God**

## **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: The Lord has called you here this day.

**P: Lord, reveal to us your purposes for us.**

L: Open your hearts to receive God's good news.

**P: Lord, make us ready to serve you.**

L: Come, let us worship God!

**P: Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One. AMEN.**

**Hymn:** Crown Him With Many Crowns VU #211)

## **Prayer of Approach and Confession**

God of Glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. Forgive us when we get so wrapped up in the moment that we don't take time enough to understand its significance. Help us pause, reflect, think, and thank you for the blessings of unexpected revelations. Give us wisdom and strength to be your disciples, proclaiming your transforming love to all people.

## **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:** Hear Us, O Father

## **A Time Of Silence:**

### **Offertory:**

#### **Offertory Doxology**

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

Gracious God, as we remember Christ's transfiguration, we stand in awe of the glimpse of your glory revealed on the mountain. Just as Peter, James, and John witnessed the radiant presence of Christ, we, too, are transformed by your love and grace. As we offer our tithes and offerings, may these gifts reflect the warming light of your love in our lives. Just as Jesus was transfigured before them, may our hearts be transformed, and our actions reflect the love and truth Jesus embodies. Bless our giving and use it to bring your divine light to a world in need. In the name of Jesus, our Lord, we pray. Amen. (Mark 9:2-9)

Prayer for Illumination

#### **Scripture: James 1:9-18**

**Hymn:** How Brightly Beams The Morning Star (VU #98)

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**Sermon: "Pressure Point – Stars and Crowns"**  
Sixth 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:** VU #384 The Lone, Wild Bird: verses 1-3 and 5

#### **Blessing**

#### **Closing Response**

#### **Music Postlude**