

Stouffville United Church
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Sunday April 14, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

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"

Lighting the Christ Candle

L: We light this candle in celebration of the one who brings us all together. There is something about this Jesus that draws us, compels us and unites us across any other social divisions we may imagine. In Christ we all are drawn to the light of Christ.

P: In Christ, we all belong and are beloved.

Call to Worship

L: How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

P: We are called to be Easter people!

L: Darkness cannot claim us!

P: Fear cannot bind us!

L: Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen, indeed! AMEN!

Hymn: We Are One (v 1, 2, 4) (VU#402)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Gracious God, you give to us your greatest gift, Your Son Jesus Christ, as we still don't always understand all this means for us, You call us to be people of courage and hope; and yet we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith; but we huddle in darkness whispering our words of discouragement. Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that He taught us, to help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us! Remold us! Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be. 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: Ancient Words

A Time Of Silence:

Offertory:

Offertory Doxology

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Lord our God, we come together to present our tithes and offerings. We are reminded of the profound love with which you have called us your children. Help us recognize that our generosity and stewardship of the resources you've entrusted to us are a sign of our commitment to this holy transformation. May these offerings we bring today be a reflection of our love for you and our desire to be faithful stewards of your blessings. Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (1 John 3:1-7)

Chorus "What a Beautiful Name"**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture: James 2:1-16****Hymn: Blest Be The Tie That Binds (VU#602)**

Video Clip

Sermon: The Test of Faith**12th in the Series on 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: For The Healing Of The Nations (VU#678)**Blessing** *-written by Daniel Mehdizadeh***Closing Response****Music Postlude**