

Stouffville United Church
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Sunday April 21, 2024
Fourth 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: More than Able

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 (Isaiah 40:31, Psalm 23)

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside the still waters.

They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

He restores my soul.

**He leads me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

They shall run and not be weary.

Yea though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil,
for thou art with me.

They shall walk and not faint.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.**

Hymn: Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah (VU#651)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. Forgive us when we become petty when things don't go our way, and guide us in your will. 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: Sanctus**A Time Of Silence:****Offertory:****Offertory Doxology****Offertory Prayer** (Unison)

Lord our God, we gather with hearts filled with gratitude for the love and light you've shown us. Your Word reminds us that true love is seen in the self-sacrifice of Christ. As we offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the importance of generosity and stewardship in every aspect of our lives. May these gifts be a reflection of the love we have experienced in Christ and our commitment to steward them faithfully for the work of your kingdom. Use these offerings to bring justice, mercy, and hope to a world in need. In your holy name, we pray. Amen. (1 John 3:16-24)

Chorus

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: James 2:1-23

Hymn: O Beautiful Gaia (MV#41) [for Earth Day]

Video Clip

Sermon: Treading on Dreams**13th 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: Lead On, O Cloud of Presence (VU#421)**Blessing****Closing Response****Music Postlude**