**Stouffville United Church**

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Sunday March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

**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 “King of Kings”**

### 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: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
**P: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**L: Darkness has been vanquished!  
**P: THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!**L: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!  
**P: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!!**

**Hymn: VU#155 - Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

**Prayer of Approach and Confession**Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become “Easter People”, people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. 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: Christ is Risen Today! (with trumpet)**

**A Time Of Silence:**

**Offertory:**

**Offertory Doxology**

**Offertory Prayer** (Unison)

God of the victory of life over death; on this glorious Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Just as the women encountered the empty tomb and the angelic message of new life, we too encounter the living Christ in our hearts and lives. As we come to present our tithes and offerings, may they be an affirmation of our search for the risen Christ, the one who challenges us to see beyond our own expectations. Bless our giving and help us discover the transformative power of the living Jesus in our lives. In the holy name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

**Chorus: Living Hope**

Prayer for Illumination     
  
Scripture: John 20:1-20

**Hymn: 180 Christ is Risen, Yes, Indeed (w/ bells)**

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**Sermon: What Jesus Gives Back**

**Music Ministry Solo Marlene and (Daniel please give us the name of the guitarist)**

**Service of Holy Communion**

**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#170 - Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks**

**Blessing**

**Closing Response**  

**Music Postlude**