

Stouffville United Church
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Sunday April 7, 2024
First Sunday after 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 "What a Beautiful Name"

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: What great joy we have!

P: Our Lord is risen!

L: Believe with your whole heart in the miracle of resurrection.

P: We open our hearts to the good news of God's faithfulness to us.

L: Hallelujah!

P: Hallelujah!

Hymn: Jesus, Stand Among Us (VU#396)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Lord God, open our hearts this day to your presence of Jesus Erase our excuses for unbelief, and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that you go before us, leading and guiding our steps. Forgive our stubbornness and our complacency. Reach out to us so that we may reach out with healing love to others, for we pray this 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: "How Can I Keep from Singing"

A Time Of Silence:

Offertory:

Offertory Doxology

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Lord God, on this Sunday after Easter, we continue to rejoice in the resurrection of your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. We live in gratitude for the new life and beginning; just as the disciples did upon your appearance. As we come to present our tithes and offerings, 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 20:19-31

Hymn: Joy Comes With The Dawn (VU#166)

Sermon: "Failing Forward"

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: Good Christians All, Rejoice And Sing (VU#169)

Blessing

Closing Response

Music Postlude