

Stouffville United Church
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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 'Another One'

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: Great is the Lord!

P: God's greatness is beyond our understanding.

L: Yet God has revealed God's self in Jesus Christ.

P: Through Jesus we have come to know the absolute love of God.

L: Lift up your hearts and praise the Lord!

P: May God continue to bless God's people with peace. AMEN.

Hymn: (VU#315) Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Lord God, You have called us to be people who will act in ways of peace and justice in your world. Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to hear your word, and having heard, to act in ministries of hope and peace for all your earth. We know we are born anew in you, and are not to have a spirit of fear, but love power and a sound mind. But we need you to calm our fears, and heal our spirits. Clear away the clutter in our lives and place us on paths that will bring honour to your name. And when we fail or fall, forgive us and lift us to begin again. 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: 'O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing'

A Time Of Silence:

Mission and Service Stories

Offertory:

Offertory Doxology

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Loving God, as we gather, we recall Isaiah's humbling encounter with your overwhelming presence. Like him, we're unworthy yet grateful for glimpsing your glory. In stewardship, may our generosity reflect gratitude for your blessings. Guide us in discipleship, knowing and serving you. With every gift, we express our commitment to follow your call. May we humbly say, "Here am I, send me!" Amen. ([Isaiah 6:1-8](#))

Chorus 'Trust in God'

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: James 3:1-18

Hymn: (VU#314) Come Now, Almighty King

Sermon: "Bite Your Tongue"

18th 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: #379 A Holy Spirit, Root Of Life

Blessing

Closing Response

Music Postlude