

Stouffville United Church
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Sunday July 14, 2024

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

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: Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

P: We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!

L: Sing with great enthusiasm of God's mighty power and love.

P: We celebrate that love that frames our lives.

L: It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

P: May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives. AMEN.

Hymn:

Prayer of Approach and Confession

In the midst of our "summer" lives, O Lord, so many things have claimed our attention. We worked hard this year to earn a little rest and recreation, to break away from the stresses of our everyday living. But in the midst of all this change, we have too often pushed our worship of you aside. We have focused so much on our needs for physical change and peace that we have neglected our spiritual hungers and thirst. Forgive us when we are tempted to stray from our worship of you and focus entirely on ourselves and our own needs. As we celebrate this day, help us to remember all the wondrous things you continue to do for us. Let us look at the world as a place of delight. And when we encounter situations in which sorrow and hurt abound, help us to be ready to

bring hope and peace. Be with us in this warm days of summer, preparing us for ministry and mission, in your holy 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.

Chorus:

A Time Of Silence:

Offertory:

Offertory Doxology

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Gracious God, in this sacred moment of offering, we recognize your sovereignty and mercy. As we present our gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our journeys. Guide us to dance with abandon, even amid our doubts and struggles, trusting in your steadfast love and grace. Amen. (Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19)

Chorus

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: James 4:13-5:10

Hymn:

Video Clip

**Sermon: "From Serve-Us to Service
24th 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:

Blessing

Closing Response

Music Postlude