

Stouffville United Church
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Sunday June 16, 2024
Father's Day

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: The colours of the Christ Candle are red which represents life, the orange for healing, the yellow for sunlight, and the green for nature.

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 (1 Samuel 15, 2 Corinthians 5)

God interrupted Samuel with an unexpected call.

"Here I am, Lord. Send me!"

God surprised Jesse, choosing his youngest son, David, to be king.

"Here I am, Lord. Send me!"

We join with Christ and are a part of God's new creation.

O Mighty God, we come to join the harvest.

Gather us in, O Holy One,
for we would be your people. **Amen.**

Hymn: (VU 506) Take My Life And Let It Be

Prayer of Approach and Confession (Samuel 15, 2 Corinthians 5)

Lord God, you call us to live in uncertainty and to walk by faith.

Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction. Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to feel the uncertainty of life, to marvel at the power of your love. Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity.

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: As A Family, We Thank You (Father's Day Anthem)

A Time Of Silence:

Offertory:

Offertory Doxology

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Eternal God, the Source of all blessings, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude and reverence. As we offer our gifts and reflect on your word this day, we ponder our role as stewards of your blessings. Guide us to bless our leaders with prayers for wisdom and compassion. May they lead with justice and righteousness, reflecting your will for peace and unity. Help us to be instruments of your peace, working tirelessly for the well-being of all people. Strengthen our commitment to love and serve others, as we strive to fulfill your divine purpose in the world. Amen. (Psalm 20)

Chorus "We Are A Church That Loves Everyone...." (Pride)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: James 4:1-17

Hymn: You Are Strong You Are Holy

Video Clip

Sermon: "On Smothering the Spirit" 21th 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: (VU 642) Be Thou My Vision

Blessing

Closing Response (

Music Postlude