

Stouffville United Church
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Sunday September 15, 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 "Goodness of God"

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: The heavens shout of God's glory!

P: There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!

L: Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.

P: Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God's glory.

L: Come, let us praise the God of creation.

P: Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God. AMEN.

Hymn: #567 Will You Come And Follow Me (Verses 1,2,4,5)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Lord, it is easy for us to say that we will follow you; and then turn our backs and act as though our commitment to you does not mean anything to us. Jesus challenges us to take up our crosses, and when we don't understand what that means, we just shrug and turn away. Forgive us for our lack of commitment and faith. Heal us of our greed and fears. Give us courage to be disciples and enable us to joyfully proclaim your healing mercies and your transformational love. In Jesus' Name, we pray.. 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: "We Will Walk in the Light"

A Time Of Silence:

Offertory:

Offertory Doxology

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Lord our God, you are our Divine Source of Wisdom, we bring these offerings with hearts attuned to your call. As we gather in your presence, may our gifts reflect the wisdom and discernment you desire for us. Use these offerings to nurture understanding, compassion, and justice in our world. Guide us to listen and act with insight, spreading your love and grace. Transform our giving into actions that make a difference. Help us grow in our faith and commitment to your ways. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen. (Proverbs 1:20-33)

Chorus "Hymn of Heaven"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Joshua 1:3-17

Hymn: #595 We Are Pilgrims (Verses 1,2,3,4,6)

Sermon: "Claiming Your Future"

2nd in Series on Joshua

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: 586 We Shall Go Out With Hope Of Resurrection

Blessing

Closing Response

Music Postlude