

**Stouffville United Church**  
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Sunday September 22, 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 "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: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

**P: God's ways are just and merciful.**

L: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

**P: In all that they do, they prosper.**

L: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love. **P:**

**Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. AMEN.**

### **Hymn: O God, Our Help In Ages Past 806 (Psalm 90)**

### **Prayer of Approach and Confession**

**God of patience and mercy, we come to you, at times offering only "lip service" in serving you, but when things get difficult; when we are called to do something which is hard for us, we shy away from the duty and the opportunity. We turn our back on service out of fear of failure. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Heal our fears and our weaknesses. Strengthen us and give us courage to truly be your disciples, not counting the rewards, but rejoicing in the work. 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: "Amazing Grace"**

### **A Time Of Silence:**

#### **Offertory Doxology & Offertory Prayer (Unison)**

**God of Love and Mercy, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts, honoring your enduring guidance in our lives. Just as Wisdom works with willing hands and provides for those in need, may these gifts be used to nurture and uplift our community. Inspire us to follow your teachings of kindness and generosity. Transform our contributions into acts of love and justice, spreading your light in the world. May we always give credit to your divine wisdom and grace. In your holy name, we pray. Amen. (Proverbs 31:10-31)**

#### **Chorus "Love of God"**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Scripture: Joshua 1:10-18**

#### **Hymn: I The Lord Of Sea And Sky 509**

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#### **Sermon: "Preparing to Succeed" 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Go To The World 420**

#### **Blessing**

#### **Closing Response**

#### **Music Postlude**