

Stouffville United Church
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Sunday September 29, 2024
Dedication of Chancel, Organ and Sound System

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

Orange Shirt Video

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: Rejoice, God is with us.

P: Praise be to God who leads us each and every day.

L: God leads us into worship to strengthen our spirits.

P: God leads us into service that will offer peace and hope to others.

L: Praise be to God!

P: Thanks be to God! AMEN.

Service of Dedication and Consecration of the Sound System, Organ, and Chancel

Minister:

Here in this place of worship we gather in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: Here we gather to dedicate this sound system equipment to the service of God, the new Organ as an instrument of worship and this new Chancel for your glory.

DEDICATION OF NEW SOUND SYSTEM EQUIPMENT

INTRODUCTION:

Nikki, Jean, Jasmine and Tech Team

(come forward and lead the prayer together)

Creating and Re-Creating God, we give thanks for the gifts of all who have gone before us. We give thanks for all who are here now. We give thanks for the promise of gifts that have yet to be shared.

Today we pause to remember all those who have given gifts in memory of loved ones

now gone. Today we give thanks that because of those offerings we can enrich the life of this faith community.

May this equipment help to offer all who are a part of this faith community a fuller worship experience. And may we be encouraged to raise voices in praise in response to hearing God's promise, God's hope, and God's love. Amen.

DEDICATION OF NEW VICOUNT DIGITAL ORGAN

Daniel: We present this *instrument* to be consecrated to the glory of almighty God and for service in this congregation

(Winona, Jim, Chris, Heather and Reid)

Winona - It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

P: to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

Jim -to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

P: and your faithfulness at night,

Heather and Reid- to the music of the lute and the harp,

P: to the melody of the lyre.

Chris—L: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

P: at the works of your hands, I sing for joy.

Prayer of Consecration (Minister)

Through your Grace and mercy, we have been blessed with gifts, and talents to sing your praise. Consecrate now this instrument of worship for your Glory honour and praise.

Organ Solo (Trumpet Duo)

DEDICATION OF THE NEW CHANCEL RENOVATIONS

Together: Chris (Chair of the Council), Heather (Past Chair of the Council), Jim and Reid (Co-Chairs of Reconstruction), Nikki (Technology)

(other renovation team members: Theresa, Dave, Jean, Chris D, Joanna)

Heather: God, mighty in power and of incomprehensible majesty, whom the heavens cannot contain;

much less the walls of temples made with hands,

Reid: you Lord God, have promised your special presence whenever two or three are assembled in your name to offer praise and prayer.

Jim: We give thanks for the leadership of all those involved that gave direction through your Holy Spirit that bring us now to this place of consecration.

Chris: And we praise you Lord for the wisdom and leadership shown throughout by individuals, council and congregation that gave direction to the skilled hands and minds to recreate this chancel for your glory and the gathering of your community.

Minister

By the power of your Holy Spirit consecrate this new chancel for your worship.

Bless us and sanctify what we do here,

that this place may be holy for us and a house of prayer for all people.

Guide and empower in this place by the same Spirit

the proclamation of your Word and the celebration of your Sacraments,

the pouring out of prayer and the singing of your praise,

professions of faith and testimonies to your grace,

the joining couples in marriage
and the celebration of death and resurrection.
Save us from that failure of vision
which would confine our worship within these walls,
but send us out from here to be your servants in the world,
sharing the blessings of Christ with the world he came to redeem. This we pray in the
name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Orange Shirt Day Prayer

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty VU 315

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Lord, we know that you call us to service, but we often feel inadequate. We love to make excuses for not doing something or for doing something only half-heartedly. Remind us again of your loving and guiding presence. Forgive us when we stumble and falter. Turn us again to you, serving joyfully and confidently. 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: The Heavens Are Declaring

A Time Of Silence:

Offertory

Offertory Doxology

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Gracious God, we dedicate these offerings to your service, inspired by Esther's wisdom and courage. Just as she sought deliverance and found grace, may our gifts bring hope and relief to those in need. Guide us to use these resources to promote justice, mercy, and compassion in our community. May we always act with gratitude and wisdom, recognizing your providence in all we do. Bless these gifts and those who give them so that, together, we may reflect your love and grace in the world. In Christ, our savior and redeemer, we pray. Amen. (Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22)

Chorus

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Joshua 2:1-20

Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness VU288

Video Clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRwt25M5nGw>

Sermon: "Second Chances"
4th 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: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

VU 232

Blessing

Closing Response

Music Postlude