

Stouffville United Church
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Sunday, September 8, 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 "Why 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: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

P: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.

L: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

P: Lord, help us to work for you.

L: Lord, make us ready to serve.

P: Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love. AMEN.

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

(VU 642 vs: 1, 2, 5)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Lord, you know how great our needs are. In these difficult times economic times when jobs are threatened, homes are being lost, families are experiencing great stress, come and bring your healing love to us. Help us to place our trust in you. Remind us again of how you transform lives, not just with healing, but with a spirit of hope and compassion. Keep us hopeful. Teach us not to give up when things are going wrong. Give us faith that can move mountains. Give us hearts that are ready to be of service to others in all times and in all places. As we have lifted up people and situations which concern us and have asked for your guidance, enable us to be people of compassion and trust; but when we fail in all these things, forgive us and remind us of your grace and mercy for we ask these things in Jesus' 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.

Music Ministry: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

A Time Of Silence:

Offertory and Offertory Doxology

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Loving our God, we dedicate these offerings with hearts guided by your wisdom and grace. As we gather on this September Sunday, may our gifts embody the teachings of Proverbs, spreading honor, kindness, and justice to all. Use these offerings to uplift those in need, fostering hope and peace in our community. May we live out your wisdom in our actions and generosity. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

(Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23)

Chorus "Goodness of God"

Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:1-4
Joshua 1:1-9**

Hymn: O God, our Help in Ages Past

(VU 806)

Video Clip

**Sermon: "Charting a New Course"
1st 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: We Shall Go Out With Hope Of Resurrection

(VU 586)

Blessing

Closing Response

Music Postlude