

Stouffville United Church
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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

Leader: The Christ candle symbolizes the presence of Christ, the Light of the world. Alive, in our midst, this day & every day. May the Light of Christ be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather together as God's treasured children.

People: We are all chosen and loved by God.

Leader: People who continue to serve God and raise their children to love God the same as we do should be praised.

People: We are blessed with the privilege of raising our children to love and follow God, while also deepening our own faith.

Leader: Come, let us open our minds and hearts to receive God's love and learn about His word.

People: Let us praise God and learn his word together.

AMEN.

Hymn - Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION (unison)

Lord our God, help us to forgive the struggles we face when raising our children. We know that raising children can bring many challenges and fears. Open our hearts and minds to hear your word, giving us the love, kindness, compassion, and patience to calm our fears and face the challenges head on, so that we can be forgiven. Help us remember that tomorrow is a new day where we can start fresh and overcome the obstacles that may block our way to being great parents with children that will always love us. 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: "Walkin in the Light"

A Time Of Silence

Mission and Service

On the last Sunday of the month, we focus on some of the Mission and Service initiatives of the United Church. Judy will now come up and talk about this month's initiative.

Offertory

Offertory Doxology (written by Daniel Mehdizadeh)

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Merciful God, may our hearts be full of your love and gratitude as we accept these offerings for our church today. We are humbled to have those unable to be here with us today, still contributing with open hearts. Let our offerings be used to carry out your work and keep giving each of us joy as we marvel in the countless blessings you have given us. Help us spread your word and grow in our trust and devotion by living our lives the way you taught us. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

Chorus - "Put Something Back" **Trio with Doris, Lisa, and Dayna**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-4

Hymn: Jesus, Friend of little children **(VU #340)**

Reflection: "Raising Your Children"

Prayers of the People

Let us pray: Lord, as we pray for all the people that love and worship you as well as those who are struggling to find you. Give them comfort, love, and peace in the difficult moments we may face in our lives. As well as the happy moments we share with our loved ones. We pray now for those on our prayer corner list. Those who are in hospital, those grieving with the loss of loved ones, as well as those sick with illness. We pray now for....

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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: Peace for Children (MV #149) Verses 1-4

Blessing

As we end this Church service, we thank and honour You for Your wisdom, understanding, and blessing upon our lives. Bless everyone and protect them as they prepare for a new week. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. The love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each and every one of you now and forever. AMEN.

Closing Response: Peace be with You (MV #215)

Music Postlude