

## **Stouffville United Church**

34 Church Street N, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 1E3

November 3rd, 2024

### **All Saints Sunday**

#### **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**

“Because of the tender mercy of our God, the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.” Luke 1:78-79

#### **Call to Worship**

God calls us forth this morning to this place of worship.  
Like Lazarus, we are called out of the tombs  
we build for ourselves  
and into the light and hope of God’s love.  
Let us open our hearts, our minds,  
and our deepest being to God.  
Let us worship God who surrounds us, uplifts us,  
and upholds us with boundless grace and love forever.  
*George Allan, Chatham, Ont.*

#### **Hymn: “Oceans”**

#### **Opening Prayer**

For all the saints who went before us  
who have spoken to our hearts  
and touched us with your fire,

**we praise you, O God.**

For all the saints who live beside us  
whose weaknesses and strengths  
are woven with our own,

**we praise you, O God.**

For all the saints who live beyond us  
who challenge us  
to change us  
to change the world with them,  
**we praise you, O God.**

**Music Ministry:**

**A Faith Statement:**

**Anthem: "For All the Saints"**

**Time of Silence**

**Invitation to the Offering** Jim McKean, Orillia, Ont

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory Hymn:**

**Offertory Prayer:**

**Chorus**

**Words before the scriptures are read:**

Whether you take what is written in the Bible as fact,  
metaphor, myth or story, listen to these words now, for the  
meaning they hold for you on this day.

**Scripture: John 11 selected verses (32-44)**

**Sermon: All Saints'**

**Hymn:** "In the Bulb There is a Flower" [VU #703]

**Candle Lighting** (*You are invited to come forward and light a  
candle to honour loved ones who have gone before us.*)

**Prayer of the Saints**

Carol Frost, Minnedosa U.C., Minnedosa, Man

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** "Shall We Gather at the River" [VU #710]

**Blessing:**

**Closing Response**

**Music Postlude**