

Stouffville United Church
34 Church Street, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 1E3
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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 Goodness of God (Nikki, Lisa, Marlene)

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light our candle to shine a light of hope for all to see. We trust that the light of Christ is present with us in this place and shines brightly in our lives and in our community of faith.

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 95)

Let's shout with joy to God!

Because God is a really big God.

God holds the world, the deep caves, the mountaintops, the blue sky and you and me too!

Hymn: "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" (VU#559)

Prayer of Approach (in unison)

As we worship may we experience the new life that is found in You.

As we worship may we be filled with your hope.

As we worship may we encounter Your blessings and become a blessing to others.

Gather us together God, fill us with your goodness. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Be assured that God forgives us, loves us and is constantly calling us to new life. God never gives up on us.

Music Ministry: Sanctus: Holy Is The Lord

A Time of Silence:

Invitation to the Offering

Our God offers us so many gifts and opportunities to share and be generous.

Now is just such a time.

Let us say yes to the opportunity.

Let us say now is the time to share.

Let us give generously of our time, token,
and treasure as we offer what we have to God.

Offertory

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

**O God bless these our gifts. May they be used to serve both You and others near and far.
Amen.**

Chorus **Rescue (Marlene)**

Words before the Scripture is read

O God, open our hearts and minds, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as we share this time together, we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

Scripture: Psalm 36

To the leader. Of David, the servant of the Lord.

¹Transgression speaks to the wicked

deep in their hearts;

there is no fear of God

before their eyes.

²For they flatter themselves in their own eyes

that their iniquity cannot be found out and hated.

³The words of their mouths are mischief and deceit;

they have ceased to act wisely and do good.

⁴They plot mischief while on their beds;

they are set on a way that is not good;

they do not reject evil.

⁵Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;

your judgments are like the great deep;

you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

¹⁰ O continue your steadfast love to those who know you
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

¹¹ Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me
or the hand of the wicked drive me away.

¹² There the evildoers lie prostrate;
they are thrust down, unable to rise.

Hymn: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (VU #626)

Reflection:

Scripture: John 2 1-11

The Wedding at Cana

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you?^[a] My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. ⁹ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Mother Knows Best!

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: "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" (VU #271)

Blessing:

Closing Response

Music Postlude