

Stouffville United Church
34 Church Street N, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 1E3
Sunday, August 24, 2025
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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

L: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it. By this light may we remember that Christ is with us.

P: Christ is in our midst.

Call to Worship

L: By God's grace we have breath to live

P: Thanks be to God

L: By God's Grace we have a spirit to give praise

P: Thanks be to God

L: By God's grace we are saved

P: Thanks be to God

L: By God's grace we have been gathered into this community of love and worship

P: Let's worship with thanksgiving and praise.

Hymn: Take my Life and Let it Be (VU506)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Prayer of Approach:

L: Holy God, you have called us together in worship of you. We who are young and old, rested and tired, anxious and hopeful come before you in search of your love. Loving God open our hearts and minds we pray, to your Holy Spirit, as we worship you and rejoice in the strength of our salvation and the love of our creator. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Intro to Confession: L: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. God calls us to bring our brokenness and the brokenness of our world before him. In humility, faith, and in the spirit of true repentance let us confess our sins before God; who is faithful and just, gracious and merciful, and will heal our brokenness.

Prayer of Confession:

P: Almighty and most merciful father, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed. We confess that we often choose the crooked desires of our hearts rather than the righteous paths you set before us. We confess to have left undone things we should have done, and that we have done things we should have avoided. We have failed to love you Lord, with our

whole heart, mind, and strength and failed to love our neighbour as ourselves. Often our love is too small, and our generosity found lacking, we are truly sorry.

Lord, in your mercy forgive what we have done. Renew our lives, and by your grace set us back on the right path, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

Through Jesus Christ our lord, Amen.

L: Let us now silently and privately lay our own personal confessions at the feet of our merciful God.

Words of Assurance:

L: Friends take comfort in the assurance of the Gospel. That though we are sinners, Jesus Christ died for us, and seeks the salvation of all people. So, I say to you with confidence, by the grace of God, you are forgiven, thanks be to God, Amen.

Choir Anthem

Offertory: L: Remember the words of Jesus, that it is "more blessed to give than to receive", and what a blessing it is, for everything we have to give is itself a gift from God. The offering will now be received.

Offertory Doxology

Offertory Prayer L: Heavenly Father, we bring these humble gifts to you, blessings we have received from you, that you have called us to share. With them we offer our very selves, please Lord, accept this offering and use it to further the work of your kingdom, in Jesus's name, amen.

Chorus

Prayer for Illumination:

L: Holy God, your word is like a flashlight, bursting with light as we walk a dark path. Soften our hearts and open our minds to receive the truth of your word, in faith and love, Amen.

Scripture: Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10

New Testament: Luke 13:10-17

L: Here what the spirit is saying to the church

P: thanks be to God, amen.

Hymn: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (VU 509)

Sermon: Answering the Call

Prayers of the People: Holy God, righteous Lord of all creation, your faithfulness is everlasting. You lift up your people and guide them on the right path. Lord, we ask that you be with us as we walk this journey of our lives. Help us to trust in you Lord and answer your call. Help us trust in your love and to share it with others. Help us to stand up for your justice. Help us to be generous and care for the poor and downtrodden. Help us to be patient bearing with one another through faith. Lord, we pray for all people, for all people need you, those we know, and those we don't, our friends, our

neighbours, our enemies, our leaders, and ourselves. Take all these Lord in your loving hands, we ask in Jesus's name, who taught us to pray...

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: Go To The World (VU 420)

Blessing

L: As you go forth into this week have courage, for you are children of God, and Christ goes before you. He is calling you to live out the life he won for you. Hold tight to what is good, do justice supporting those around you. Love kindness, returning no one evil for evil, and walk humbly with your God, loving and serving the Lord.

May the Grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and ever more, Amen.

Closing Response

Music Postlude