

**Stouffville United Church**  
34 Church Street N, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 1E3  
**Sunday, November 23, 2025**  
Joanne Stenerson  
**Reign of Christ Sunday**  
Musician Spotlight: Sarah Thomas

**Music Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of the Land**

The land on which we meet today is sacred land and has been the site of human activity for thousands of years. 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, working continuously towards greater respect and understanding.

**Announcements**

**Chorus**

**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**

**Leader:** Another year passes.

**People:** Things end and things begin.

**Leader:** Birth. Life. Death. Life beyond death.

**People:** Nothing is constant!

**Leader:** Everything changes. Everything except this:

**People:** God's love is with me. God's love is with you. God's love is with all creation.

**Leader:** Today?

**People:** Yesterday. Today. Forever.

**Leader:** And all creation is held safe in that love.

**People:** And all creation is transformed in that love.

**Leader:** Let us worship the God who loves us, yesterday, today and forever.

**Opening Hymn: MV 12 Come Touch Your Hearts**

**Opening Prayer (Unison)**

**God hope, whose mercy rises with the morning, and guides our feet into the way of peace.**

**Christ, Light of the world, renew us with compassion and lead us in the work of justice and love.**

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**Holy Spirit, move within and among us,  
that your peace may take root in our hearts  
and flow through our lives.  
Amen.**

Today's reading from the Hebrew Scripture is:  
**Psalm 46 (NRSV)**

READER: Herein Lies Wisdom  
**P: Thanks be to God**

**Hymn: "What A Beautiful Name"**

Today's reading from the New Testament Scripture is:  
**Luke 1:68-79 (NRSV)**

READER: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
**P: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon: "Are We There Yet - Part 2: From Lament to Praise"**

**Mission Stories**

**Offertory:**

Holy One, as we bring these gifts,  
let your Spirit kindle in us the courage and compassion of Christ.  
May what we offer, our resources, our time, our care,  
serve the work of peace, justice, and healing in your world.  
Reign in us, that your love may flourish through us. Amen.

**Offertory**

**Doxology 188 MV "I Thank You, Thank You, Jesus"**

**Offertory Prayer** (Unison)

**We give thanks, O God,  
for these gifts and for the life you share with us.  
May they, and we, be instruments of your peace and love,  
working to bring hope, justice, and compassion to all.  
Amen.**

**Anthem:**

**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: MV 220 : Hope Shines As The Solitary Star**

**Blessing**

May the God of mercy guide your steps,  
the Spirit of peace fill your heart,  
and love and justice flow through your life,  
today and always.  
Amen.

**Closing Response 220 MV: Hope Shines As The Solitary Star**

**Music Postlude**