

Stouffville United Church

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March 3, 2019

Transfiguration Sunday
Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Please help yourself to refreshments at the trolleys
located at the front of the church.*

Large Print Bulletins are available from our Greeters.

*Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assist system ~ our
Greeters would be happy to bring you a set of earphones.*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle:

May the Light of Christ shine brightly in your life.

And also in yours.

(Written by Beth W. Johnston, Hantsport Pastoral Charge, Hantsport, N.S.,
Gathering, A/C/E/2018/2019, page 45. Used with permission.)

Acknowledgement of the Land

Opening Prayer:

**God, you invite us into community with you –
at your table and in your world.**

**The responsibility is awesome to love another
as Christ loves us.**

Thank you – for this community of love.

**Thank you – for being more
than we can imagine.**

Thank you, God! Amen.

(Written by Richard Bott, St. Andrew's United Church, Maple Ridge, B.C., Gathering,
Lent/Easter 2016, page 30. Used with permission.)

Opening Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise [VU 101]

Prayer of the Community

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus

[VU 341]

Time with Our Children

Music Ministry

Words before the scriptures are read:

When you speak in scripture, when you speak in our neighbour, when you speak from the hills and the sea, help us to hear your voice, O God.

A Reading from Exodus 34:29-35 (Pew Bible, p. 71)

A Reading from Luke 9:28-36 (Pew Bible, p. 843)

Sermon: Finding Holiness

Offering

Dedication: We Give You But Your Own [VU 544]

Offering Prayer:

Hymn: Eat This Bread and Never Hunger [VU 471]

Holy Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving:

May God be with us.

God is here among us.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, God of peace and promise. Through the words of your prophets and the faith of your followers you prepare the way of our redemption and bring hope to birth. And though we often grow weary of waiting, your signs call us to keep watch for that day when all things shall be made new. In assurance of this hope we join with all the company of heaven and earth to give you praise:

O holy, holy, holy God, [MV 203]

O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above

Bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heav'n,

Creation sings your praise.

Over→

**And blessed is the One who comes
And bears your name always!**

Remembering Jesus at Table

Memorial Acclamation:

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer for Transformation

Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup

Communion Instructions: Communion will be offered 'in the round'. Together, please form a circle in the sanctuary as best you can. The choir will bring the communion elements to the circle. Please wait till everyone is served and on a cue from the minister we will eat the bread together. We will repeat the same process with the grape juice.

Prayer after Communion

Hymn: We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding [VU 104]

Words of Blessing.

Closing Song: May the God of Hope Go with Us [VU 424]

*Following our worship service,
please join us for refreshments in the Davis Room.*

Wednesday, March 6th is Ash Wednesday. Rev. Elizabeth is offering the Imposition of the Ashes today, following our morning worship. If you would like to receive the ashes, please take a seat in the front rows of the sanctuary.