

Stouffville United Church

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Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle:

By lighting this candle, we are acknowledging that God and Jesus are here with us today, bringing light into our lives.

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Acknowledgement of the Land

Call to Worship:

Light, love, and liberty are the gifts of God.

We come in peace.

Bread, wine, and friendship are the gifts of Christ.

We come in joy.

Wisdom, compassion, and grace are the gifts of the Spirit.

We come in hope.

Let us worship God.

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Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy [VU 315]

Prayer of Confession:

If the circle is open and expansive, why is it so small? If the whole world has been invited in, why are they so far away? Forgive us, God, when we think we are the centre and the world revolves around us. Help us to rethink our world view so there is no we or they, no near or far. Turn us and open us to your love that defies boundaries and challenges strategies here and now, with love that lives all ways, all over. Amen.

(Written by Wendy MacLean, Christ United Church, Lyn, Ont., Gathering Pentecost 2 2014, page 37. Used with permission.)

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee [VU 663]

Time with our Children

Music Ministry

Words before the scriptures are read:

Open your Word to us; open your way to us; dwell with us.
Amen.

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A Reading from Lamentation 3:19-26 [Pew Bible, p. 669]

A Reading from Luke 17:5-10 [Pew Bible, p. 852]

Sermon: How Do You Measure Faith?

Offering

Offering Hymn: Grant Us, God, the Grace [VU 540]

Offering Prayer:

Communion Hymn: As We Gather at Your Table [VU 457]

Holy Communion

Invitation

We are invited to this table where our living finds wholeness.

**We bring our woundedness to be healed,
and we bring our hope for abundant life in Christ.**

We are invited to this table
where the humble foods of life are offered.

**Bread and cup to nourish,
love and acceptance to nurture.**

We are all one in the body of Christ,
joining today with the body of Christ worldwide.

Thanks be to God.

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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.

Over→

Hallelujah, thanks and praise, ever-living God, worker of wonders, maker of miracles, author of all life and giver of life eternal! Out of chaos and fear you bring beauty and hope. Out of despair and death you create courage and new life. And so, with the risen Christ who makes all things new by the power of his resurrection, we join in the song of a new day, to sing your 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.
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

Prayer after Communion

Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness [VU 288]

Words of Blessing.

Closing Song: Halle, Halle, Halle [VU 958]

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