

## **Stouffville United Church**

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Today is **Orange Shirt Day** – by wearing an orange shirt today the United Church of Canada shows compassion for the survivors of the Indian Residential Schools

*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.*

*If you would like to light a candle for a prayer need, the Prayer*

*Candle Center is located in the window near the Grand Piano*

### **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:**

Divine Spirit,

force for all that is good in creation,

sparkling in the waterfall, running with the deer,

author of a billion star stories,

**we adore you.**

Divine Spirit,

ever-present within us,

a strength in the years gone by,

there for us in the years that lie ahead,

**we praise you.**

Divine Spirit,

source of faith community, calling us to sacrifice,

calling us to service, binding us together in love,

**we honour you.**

Divine Spirit,

supporter and our best friend,

giver of joy in the happiest and liveliest moment,

**we rejoice in your presence.**

**We rejoice as we worship you this morning.**

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**Opening Hymn:** God of the Bible [MV 28]

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** He Came Singing Love [VU 359]

**Time with our Children**

**Music Ministry**

**Minute for Mission**

**Offering**

**Dedication:** Grant Us, God, the Grace [VU 540]

**Offering Prayer:**

**Words before the scriptures are read:**

God, sometimes the words we hear in scripture challenge us more than we like. There are times when all we want is to hear something life-affirming and easy. But then you bring us words that call us to be more, to do more, and to love more. Open us to the challenge of these words and strengthen our faith; for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

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**A Reading from Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15**

[Pew Bible, p. 643]

**Psalms 91**

[VU 808]

**A Reading from 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

[Pew Bible, p. 965]

**Over→**

**Sermon:** Hopefulness

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

**Words of Blessing**

**Sending Song:** Halle, Halle, Halle [VU 958]

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