

Stouffville United Church

34 Church Street, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 1E3

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January 19, 2020

Second Sunday after Epiphany

*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.*

*Prayer Candles are on the Communion Table – you are invited to
light a candle for your personal prayer request.*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle:

The light of understanding, the light of compassion, the light of community, are all represented by the light that shines out from this candle. Let that light illumine our lives, our worship, and our way forward, as we gather as God's people.

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Acknowledgement of the Land

Call to Worship:

For those who are tired,
may this sacred space be a place of rest.

For those who are hurting,
may this holy place be a place of healing.

For those who are seeking answers to difficult questions,
may this be a place where questions are accepted
and wise, caring words are spoken.

We come for different reasons;
we come from different places.

Here, we are all embraced by the same Spirit.

In the Spirit, let us worship God.

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Opening Hymn: Spirit of God, Descend

[VU 378]

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, you have called us into being and equipped us with communication and knowledge, and with every spiritual gift we need, and yet sometimes we fail to use those gifts, or to proclaim our mission. Help us to remember that you have called us to be your saints and will strengthen us to the very end. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

God gives us strength. God offers forgiveness. God is faithful and calls us into fellowship with Jesus the Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Hymn: Just as I Am

[VU 508]

Time with our Children

Music Ministry

Prayer before the Scriptures:

This is the time of reflection.

This is the time of inspiration.

This is the time of determination.

This is the time to set out in a new direction.

May you, our most just and loving God, bless our receiving of the word. Amen.

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A Reading from Isaiah 49:1-7

[Pew Bible, p. 592]

Responsive Psalm 40

[VU 764]

A Reading from John 1:29-42

[Pew Bible, p. 862]

Sermon: A Piece of the Puzzle

Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

[VU 663]

Offering

Over→

Offering Hymn: We Give Thee but Our Own [VU 543, Vs. 1]

Offering Prayer:

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: O Love, How Deep [VU 348]

Blessing

Closing Song: Wherever You May Go [MV 216 Chorus]

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