

**Stouffville United Church**  
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Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day and Christian Family Sunday

## **Welcome**

### **Acknowledgement of the Land**

We are gathered on the treaty territory of the Huron Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe people and their ancestors. As a community of faith called to seek justice, may we honour our role as treaty people.

## **Announcements**

### **Lighting the Christ Candle:**

We light the Christ candle, claiming the promise that when even two or three are gathered together, Christ is in our midst.

We gather today as the family of Christ.

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### **Call to Worship:**

This is the day,  
it is the day that God has made.

**And we have come together as God's family.**

This is the day,  
it is the day that God has made.

**And we have come together for worship.**

This is the day,  
it is the day that God has made.

**And we come to worship as we are:  
happy, sad, certain, troubled.**

This is the day,  
it is the day that God has made.

**May we know ourselves blessed in it  
as we gather for worship.**

Come, and let us worship God.

(Written by Bob Root, Mark Street United Church, Peterborough, Ont., Gathering L/E 2013, page 46. Used with permission.)

**Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the church in one,  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and its confidence alone.**

**To this temple where we call you,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with your faithful loving kindness  
hear your servants as they pray,  
and your fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.**

**Here bestow on all thy servants  
what they ask of you to gain,  
what they gain from you forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in your glory  
evermore with you to reign.**

**Laud and honor to the Father,  
laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit,  
ever three and ever one,  
one in might, and one in glory,  
while unending ages run.**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Our church is "a spiritual house,"  
but not a retreat from the world;  
we are "a chosen race",  
but can presume no privilege in God's eyes;  
we are anointed as "a royal priesthood",  
but must serve, with Jesus, the lowest  
and the least;  
we are challenged to be "a holy nation",  
but share God's world with people of many faith.  
Help us to go forth as "God's own people"  
and seek the blessing of all God's creatures. Amen.**

(Written by Rod Sykes, St. Andrew's United Church, Calgary, Alta., Gathering L/E  
2014, page 47. Used with permission.)

## **Words of Assurance:**

We are drawn to God, because God is drawn to us. God touches us and renews our living.

## **Thanks be to God!**

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## **Music Ministry**

### **Offering Invitation**

**Offering Hymn:** Praise God From Whom

[VU 541]

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

### **Offering Prayer:**

**May these gifts be far more than their physical presence  
can command.**

**May they be an inspiration and a blessing given in love.**

**Amen.**

(Written by Jim McKean, St. Paul's United Church, Midland, Ont., Gathering L/E/P 2011, page 43. Used with permission.)

### **Prayer before the Scriptures:**

Let grace, let love, let hope

Flow through your word to us, O God.

Let new life and possibility jump from the page.

Let the word we need to hear leap into our hearts.

Let your word transform us today and always. Amen.

(Written by Susan Lukey, High River United Church, High River, Alta., Gathering L/E 2014, page 45. Used with permission.)

### **Responsive Psalm 31**

[VU 758, Parts One and Three]

In you, O God, I have taken refuge;

Let me never be put to shame.

**Deliver me in your righteousness;**

**incline your ear; come quickly to my rescue.**

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to keep me safe.

**You are indeed my rock and fortress;**

**lead me and guide me for your own name's sake.**

Release me from the net that they hid for me,

for you are my protector.

**Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.**

My times are in your hands;  
deliver me from the hands of my enemies,  
from those who pursue me.

**Let your face shine on your servant,  
and save me, for your mercy's sake.**

### **A Reading from 1 Peter 2:2-10**

**Reflection:** A Spiritual House

### **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**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me

[VU 637]

**Jesus, Saviour, pilot me**

**over life's tempestuous sea;**

**unknown waves before me roll,**

**hiding rock and treacherous shoal;**

**chart and compass come from thee:**

**Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.**

**As a mother stills her child,**

**thou canst hush the ocean wild;**

**boisterous waves obey thy will**

**when thou biddest them, "Be still."**

**Wondrous sovereign of the sea,**

**Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.**

**When at last I near the shore,  
and the fearful breakers roar  
'twixt me and the peaceful land,  
Still supported by thy hand,  
may I hear thee say to me,  
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."**

**Blessing**

**Closing Song:** "Danish" Amen

[VU 967]

**Amen, amen, amen.**