

Stouffville United Church
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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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:

Oh, what a lovely light!

It is the light of the Christ in our midst!

Filled with this light,

Jesus bids us shine our own lovely light.

May it be so for each of us. Amen.

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Call to Worship:

These summer months offer us much-needed time for rest and renewal.

Let us come to this time of worship with the same desire, to find rest and renewal for our souls.

Let us come as the sun shines, as the warm rains fall, as the earth ripens, that we might praise God together.

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Hymn: We Have This Ministry

[VU 510]

**We have this ministry
and we are not discouraged;
It is by God's own power
that we may live and serve.
Openly we share God's word,
speaking truth as we believe,**

**praying that the shadowed world
may healing light receive.
We have this ministry,
O God, receive our living.**

**O Christ, the tree of life,
our end and our beginning,
we grow to fullest flower
when rooted in your love.
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay,
called to service by your grace,
different cultures, different gifts,
the young and old a place.
We have this ministry,
O God, receive our giving.**

**The yoke of Christ is ours,
the whole world is our parish;
we daily take the cross,
the burden and the joy.
Bearing hurts of those we serve,
wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,
Holy Spirit, bread and wine,
we die and rise again.
We have this ministry,
O God, receive our loving.**

Prayer of Confession:

**Patient God, too often we treat our lives like an Ikea
bookcase. We think we can put it together without your
instructions, but we always seem to end up with pieces
that don't fit. You even gave us an example to follow, in
Jesus. But still we think we know best. Forgive us our
arrogance and false independence. Thank you for being
there no matter how many times we mess up. We pray for
the strength and wisdom of humility, as we continue to
try to live with love in a do-it-yourself world. Amen.**

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Words of Assurance

Music Ministry

Offering Invitation

Offering Hymn: Grant Us, God, the Grace

[VU 540]

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

Offering Prayer

Prayer before the Scriptures:

**Welcoming God, as you welcome us into your presence,
we welcome you into our week. In this hour, we open
ourselves to you, to what you have to offer us: your word,
your wisdom, your challenge. Help us to use what we
experience here for our journey of faith in the week
ahead. We pray in the name of the Christ. Amen.**

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A Reading from Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Sermon: "Pulling Our Weight"

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: I Heard the Voice of Jesus

[VU 626]

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down**

**your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your days be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.**

Blessing

Closing Song:

[VU 423]

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**