

Stouffville United Church
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September 20, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Music Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

We are gathered on the treaty territory of the Huron Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe people and their ancestors. May we honour their history, spirituality, culture and teachings and uphold our responsibilities as treaty partners.

Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle:

This candle is lit as a reminder of the light of Christ given to us all, a symbol of God's presence each and every day.

For the light of Christ within us and around us, thanks be to God!

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Call to Worship:

Let us rest into silence in this place of worship as we let go of all concerns and cares during this moment of stillness and peace. The Spirit of Life reveals herself to us in the soft darkness of our closed eyes and gentle breaths. Let us feel the complete love of our creator God in the quiet sanctuary of our hearts. Let us breathe deeply of Christ's holy presence in this place.

(pause)

Let us worship God in this holy place.

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Opening Prayer:

End of summer!

End of autumn!

Trees changing, nights lengthening, seasons turning.

The world keeps moving on.

And so do we: heading back to school and work, starting up with groups and programs.

**We've been called by you, O God,
to return to this gathering,
a gathering of Christ's people.**

For the summer fun,
thank you, God!

For the autumn harvests,
thank you, God!

For being with us
so that we can truly celebrate your presence,
thank you, God! Alleluia, amen!

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Candle Lighting

A time of silence

Music for Meditation

A time of silence

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Prayer before the Scriptures:

God of long ago, God of present day,

God in whom the future lies:

We come seeking a word for the day,

a light for our way,

and bread for the journey.

Fill us with your word

and nourish us at your table of grace,

so that we can become the people

we are called to be. Amen.

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2020, page 41. Used with permission.)

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 105

[VU 828 Parts One and Four]

Sermon: "Manna Everywhere"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Blessing

Music Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us, whether in person or on line. We look forward to joining with you again next week!