

Stouffville United Church
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September 6, 2020

Fourteenth 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:

The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.
In the Lord Jesus Christ
there is light and peace.

Thanks be to God.

Centering Prayer:

I invite you to take a moment now
and centre yourself deeply in the love of God.
(Some people like to plant their feet firmly on the ground; others like to open their hands. Find the position that is best for you.)
Breathe into your core the life-giving Spirit of God;
Breathe out cares and anxieties;
Breathe in goodness and truth;
Breathe out fearfulness and worry.

(Pause)

Come, and let us experience community, rooted in God's presence.

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Opening Prayer:

God, as we are gathered here in this house of prayer, this place of your Spirit and our spirits, may we be open to

your holy presence. May you find a path through all the baggage and clutter we have carried here so that you can come and sit with us – to teach, to heal, to challenge, to renew us for the journey. May we go from this place with burdens lifted and faith strengthened. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

(Written by John Moses, Aylesford United Church, Aylesford, N.S., Gathering L/E 2019, page 31. Used with permission.)

Candle Lighting

A time of silence

Scripture Sentence:

*For where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.*

- Matthew 18:20

A time of silence

Music for Meditation

A time of silence

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Prayer before the Scriptures:

Help us, O God, to receive these age-old, prophetic words as if they were being spoken for the first time. Let them seep into us and may new shoots of faith spring forth.

Amen.

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Psalm 149

Message: “Singing a New Song”

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

A time of silence

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!*