

Stouffville United Church
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October 11, 2020

Thanksgiving Sunday

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:

Come on this day
set aside for thanksgiving and praise.

**We come with grateful hearts,
yet anxious minds.**

Come to remember and be still.
For it is in these sacred, gratitude-filled moments
that we will find answers.

**We come longing for wisdom
and peace to fill our spirits.**

As we worship God together,
let us be open to receiving all the gifts of God.
Let us be ready to respond
to God's calls to service.

Let us worship God.

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Opening Prayer:

**Holy One, as geese honk overhead,
as orange globes fill the pumpkin patch,
as the landscape is painted with reds and golds,
we are filled with gratitude.**

**We are thankful for the earth
that is alive around us,
for families and friends that give us life,
for all that makes life good.**

**May we give our thanks freely,
so all around us may feel your presence. Amen.**

(Written by Ali Anningson, University of New Brunswick Chaplain, Fredericton, N.B.,
Gathering Pentecost 2 2018, page 44. Used with permission.)

Candle Lighting

A time of silence

Music for Meditation

A time of silence

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Prayer before the Scriptures:

Surprising God, your ways are often not the ways of the world, yet the simple things in life can teach us a great deal about you.

Open us to your message as we read familiar passages about people whose lives are not all that different from our own.

Help us through our encounter of the scripture to make decisions day by day to be your loving disciples. Amen.

(Written by Beth W. Johnston, Hantsport Pastoral Charge, Hantsport, N.S., Gathering Pentecost 2 2019, page 41. Used with permission.)

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Sermon: God's Abundance

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!