

**Stouffville United Church**  
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October 4, 2020

Worldwide Communion 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:**

God is present in magnificent temples.

God is present in nomadic tents.

God is present in wooden clapboard churches.

God is present in outdoor chapels.

God was present in the past.

God will be present in the future.

We light the Christ candle

acknowledging that God, in Christ,

is present with us right now, in this very place,

at this very moment in time,

and will be with us forever. Amen.

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**Call to Worship:**

What a tremendous day! We gather to celebrate!

**With people from around the world,  
we join as partners on a journey.**

We sing thanksgiving! We sing hope!

We are the church, strong and resilient in Christ.

**With one voice,**

**we proclaim God's inclusiveness.**

**With one voice,**

**we gather around the world today.**

### **Prayer of Confession:**

Each moment of this worship, we are preparing to gather at your table, God. We lift our prayers of joy and adoration that you are with us, that you love and understand us. Now we pause and place before you those things we need to let go of. Guilt, anger, resentment, fear – these things weigh us down and keep us from moving. You long for us to move from shadows to light. You long for us to know you and the healing your love offers. Help us in our confession; hold us close as we open our hearts to you.

*(a silent time of prayer)*

### **Words of Assurance:**

We are called to worship, that we might once again find God.

**We are called to this sacred place to gain insight and perspective. May we rejoice in the mercy offered here and find peace and hope in our living. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Music for Meditation**

#### **A time of silence**

#### **Offering**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

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

God, sometimes the words we hear in scripture challenge us more than we like. There are times when all we want is to hear something life-affirming and easy. But then you bring us words that call us to be more, to do more, and to love more. Open us to the challenge of these words and strengthen our faith; for we ask it in Jesus's name. Amen.

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### **Exodus 20:1-20**

## **Sermon:** The Ten Commandments

### **Holy Communion**

All are welcome to this celebration of the Lord's Supper, Whether you are worshipping in this sanctuary or from your home, you are at Christ's table. For Christ is in your heart, and your house.

#### **A Communion Prayer**

#### **Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup**

#### **Receiving Communion**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**In the power of love, O Spirit, may you bless what we have partaken of this day. May the bread we were fed feed our passion for loving-kindness. May the grape juice we drank empower us to drink deeply of your love for each and for all. May the act of coming together as one at Christ's table motivate us to come together with all your creation for love. Bless us with grace and with faith as disciples of the Way. Amen.**

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#### **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!*