

## **Stouffville United Church**

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All Saints' Day

### **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:**

May this spark of Divine Energy be a beacon of hope to all.

**We welcome the Christ to brighten and ground our worship.**

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### **Call to Worship:**

Each of us lives life.

Sometimes that life is short in years.

Sometimes that life spans many decades.

**But, short or long,  
every life is filled with moments.**

Moments of wonder.

**Moments of hope.**

Moments of laughter.

**Moments of peace.**

Moments of love.

**Moments of God.**

We gather, today, to remember the moments,  
and the people who lived them.

Our ancestors, our selves –

**that great cloud of witnesses,  
all God's saints.**

With our remembering,

with our song,  
let us worship God.

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### **Prayer of Confession:**

God of justice and liberation,  
we ask your forgiveness  
for those times when we have not been agents  
of your truth and reconciliation.

We remember the cloud of witnesses  
who went before us  
and ask that we might have the courage,  
wisdom, and will to follow you as they did.  
Through the power of your Spirit,  
we ask that we might become  
those who bring good news.

(Written by Wanda Winfield, Blenheim United Church, Blenheim, Ont., Gathering Pentecost 2 2017, page 47. Used with permission.)

### **Words of Assurance:**

God's promise is that God is with us, through our journey of  
life and beyond. We are never alone. Nothing can separate us  
from God's love. Amen.

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## **Candle Lighting and All Saints' Day**

### **In Memoriam**

We remember, living Spirit, those we have named.  
In our memories we cherish and we honour them:  
their gifts, their personalities, their foibles,  
their charms, their relationships, their love.  
Sometimes words fail, so we hold them  
in our hearts silently.

*(silent prayer)*

Thank you, that in the mystery of your love,  
Gracious God, they continue to journey with us  
as we journey with you. Amen.

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### **A time of silence**

## **Music for Meditation**

### **A time of silence**

### **Offering**

### **Offertory Prayer**

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

Holy One, open us to your ways.  
Open us to the message of the ages.  
Call us through this age-old text,  
that we may respond, in our day,  
to this ancient call. Amen.

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### **Psalm 34: 1-10, 22**

### **Revelation 7: 9-17**

### **Reflection: "Saints"**

### **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!*