

Stouffville United Church

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February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

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:

We light the Christ candle, thinking back to the candles we lit during Advent in joyous anticipation of the arrival of your promised child. Today, we light his candle, the Christ candle, as we look ahead through the shadowed days of a Lenten journey and the anticipation of the joyous hallelujahs of Easter morning.

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Opening Prayer:

God of Grace,
regardless of the past you run to greet us.

You throw your loving arms around us.

You clothe us with your blessings.

You rejoice at our being here.

You want nothing more than for us to be reconciled to you and each other.

Be with us this day, we pray.

Open our hearts and minds to your ways,

so that we may carry your love to the world. Amen.

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Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised

[VU 120, Vs. 1,3,4]

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Candle Lighting

A time of silence

Music Ministry

A time of silence

Minute for Mission

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Prayer before the Scriptures:

God has not stopped calling;

God has not stopped speaking.

Let us pray for our understanding
of God's word in our day.

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L/E 2018, page 33. Used with permission.)

Mark 8:31-38

Sermon: "Take Up Your Cross"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Take Up Your Cross

[VU 561, Vs. 1,2,3]

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!*