

Stouffville United Church
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February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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 of Christ shines on us and in us.

The light of Christ leads us.

The light of Christ transforms us.

We light this candle in the certainty
that Christ's presence is here with us today.

(Written by Fern Gibbard, for Osoyoos United Church, Osoyoos, B.C., Gathering A/C/E 2020/21, page 52. Used with permission.)

Opening Prayer:

Here we are, Jesus,

eagerly seeking your healing touch.

We come with bruises and cuts,

with weariness and fatigue,

with wounds hidden and aches concealed.

We come as broken people hoping for new life.

Reach out your hand, we pray,

to fill us with wonder,

that we may be renewed, recharged, and re-formed.

Gift us your Spirit that we may find our way.

Amen.

(Written by Gord Dunbar, Post Nelson United Church, Burlington, Ont., Gathering A/C/E 2017/18, page 42. Used with permission.)

Hymn: God, Whose Almighty Word

[VU 313, Vs. 1,2,3]

Prayer of Confession:

**There's so much pressure to make every moment count.
Therefore, we fill our days with busyness.
However, we admit, most patient God,
that often it is just wheel-spinning.
It doesn't nourish our souls,
it isn't bringing us closer to you, or to each other.
We are running in place;
afraid to stand still;
Scared of what might rush in to confront us,
or love us;
reluctant to chart a new course
because we don't know where it will lead.
Help us to wait for you in all we do,
whether it is in stillness or activity. Amen.**

(Written by Karen Boivin, Carp/Dunrobin Pastoral Charge, Carp, Ont., Gathering A/C/E 2011/12, page 44. Used with permission.)

Words of Assurance:

God, in this moment, you touch our hearts and your grace fills us with healing.

The deceptions that clouded our judgement are gone.

Once more we are a free people,

with hearts open to love and spread the Good News.

You are with us; thanks be to God!

(Written by Sandy Ferguson, Strathearn United Church, Edmonton, Alta., Gathering A/C/E 2011/12, page 44. Used with permission.)

Candle Lighting

A time of silence

Music Ministry

A time of silence

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Prayer before the Scriptures:

When you speak in scripture,
when you speak in our neighbour,
when you speak from the hills and the sea,

help us to hear your voice, O God.

(Written by Kate Crawford, Gower St. United Church, St. John's, Nfld., Gathering A/C/E 2007/08, page 46. Used with permission.)

Isaiah 40:28-31

Mark 1:29-39

Sermon: "Take My Hand"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me [VU 567, Vs. 1,4,5]

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!*