

Stouffville United Church

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Fifth 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:

As the people of Israel walked in the desert,
they followed the pillar of cloud by day,
and the pillar of fire by night;
as we journey this Lenten path,
to Jerusalem, the cross, and beyond,

we follow the light of Christ!

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Call to Worship:

As long nights give way to light
and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

**we come today to be reminded
of God's love for us.**

Like the green shoots of renewed life,
stirring beneath the soil,

**we welcome an awakening
of God's word in our lives.**

In this time of reflection and repentance,

**we affirm our identity, we claim our security,
as children of God.**

Come, children of God, let us worship God.

(Written by Gill Le Fevre, Walton Memorial United Church Oakville, Ont., Gathering L/E 2020, page 31. Used with permission.)

Prayer of Confession

You call us to die in order to live, O God:
to die to apathy,

to rise to meeting the needs of those without hope.

To die to indifference,

to rise to a sense of purpose.

To die to seeing only the needs of those closest to us,

to rise to serving those whose names we will never know.

To die to drifting along from day to day,

to rise to making the most of each minute and hour of each day.

But are we willing to die in order to live?

(silent reflection)

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Gathering L/E 2012, page 29. Used with permission.)

Words of Assurance

Candle Lighting

A time of silence

Music Ministry

A time of silence

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Prayer before the Scriptures:

Let the same mind be in us
as was in Christ Jesus.

Let your word be in our hearts
as it was in Christ Jesus. Amen.

(Written by Kate Crawford, Huron Shores United Church, Grand Bend, Ont.,
Gathering L/E 2019, page 38. Used with permission.)

John 12:20-33

Sermon: "Welcoming Newness"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Lift High the Cross

[VU 151, Vs 1,2,4]

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!*