

Stouffville United Church

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April 4, 2021

Easter 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:

They went to the tomb, just as the sun was beginning to rise.
Eyes downcast, hearts heavy.

But what they found there, shone in their lives forever.

Not the shadow of death, but the new Light!

As Easter people

we follow the light of Christ!

(Written by Richard Bott, Dunbar Heights United Church, Vancouver, BC., Gathering L/E 2016, page 38. Used with permission.)

Call to Worship: (*Ringing your bell!*)

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Hallelujah! Christ has overcome death!

Let us celebrate and worship God on this happy morning!

(Written by Eric Hebert-Daly, Gathering L/E 2021, page 43. Used with permission.)

Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

[VU 155, Vs. 12,4]

Opening Prayer:

God of Love, each day we wake and ask ourselves what you have in store for us. Some days we find the answer in the goodness that others do for us and others. Some days we find the answer in the places we least expect it. May this season of Easter be a time of renewal and restoration.

In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen. (Written by Jim McKean, Orillia, Ont., Gathering L/E 2021, page 45. Used with permission. Adapted.)

A New Creed

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.**

Thanks be to God.

Candle Lighting

A time of silence

Music Ministry

A time of silence

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Prayer before the Scriptures:

Open our minds, open our hearts, open our lives
to your life-giving and life-changing word.

Open us to meeting you this day. Amen.

(Written by Beth W. Johnston, Kings United Pastoral Charge, Annandale/Bay
Fortune/Dundas/Souris, P.E.I., Gathering L/E 2012, page 37. Used with permission.)

John 20:1-18

Sermon: "Easter Newness"

Hymn: Morning Has Broken

[VU 409]

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Thine Is the Glory

[VU 173]

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!*