

**Stouffville United Church**  
34 Church Street, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 1E3  
www.stouffvilleuc.ca  
September 26, 2021

## **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.

Today in many churches as well as on September 30th, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential schools. This is the first observance of a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

## **Announcements**

### **Lighting the Christ Candle:**

“I am the light of the world,” Jesus said.

“Whoever follows me will have the light of life.”

John 8:12

### **Call to Worship: (Responsive)**

**One:** We have come to worship today in hope and expectation

**All: We await God’s word**

**One:** Listen as Paul advises Timothy to trust in God and not in worldly wealth

**All: Paul’s advice is to focus on things that last.**

**One:** Listen as Jesus tells people to truly pay attention.

**All: Jesus wants people to truly notice the need around them and to act in love and generosity.**

**One:** Come let us worship today, in hope and expectation.

**Hymn: 157 MV – I am a Child of God**

## **MISSION & SERVICE: Minute for Mission**

### **Prayer of Confession (Together):**

Creator God, we want and we need, but we use these words interchangeably so often that we confuse them. We believe we need our wants and often live beyond our means. Rather than living in thanksgiving and gratitude for the abundance you offer to us, we complain about our wants, proclaiming them to be our needs.

Forgive us, God, for failing to live in gratitude for the already-present abundance you provide for us.

### **Words of Assurance (Responsive):**

**One:** We know this about our God:

**All:** God forgives our shortcomings and opens a new path before us.

**One:** Let us dare to follow where God leads us.

**All:** Knowing that as we do, we will become whole and holy.

**One:** Thanks Be to God.

**All:** Amen

### **A time of silence**

### **Hymn: 264 VU – Immortal Invisible**

### **A time of silence**

### **Offering**

As the church, we are committed to doing God's work in our community and around the world.

We are invited to offer our gifts toward that end.

Therefore, friends, I ask that you continue to give as you have been so faithfully giving.

### **Offertory Prayer (Together):**

Loving God, we know all our gifts come from You. These gifts are freely given, given to do your work in this church, given to do your work in a needy world. Receive them and bless them, we pray.

In Jesus name...Amen

### **Prayer for Illumination**

O God, open our hearts and minds  
By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
That as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,  
We may hear what you are saying to us today. In Jesus Name, Amen

### **Scripture: 1 Timothy 6: 6-19**

### **Sermon: Love of Money**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer (join with me)**

Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
On earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory  
Forever and ever. Amen

### **Hymn:**

### **Blessing**

Now may the love and hope of God, the peace of Jesus and the presence  
of the Holy Spirit be with you today and in the coming days ahead. In  
Jesus Name, we pray. Amen.

### **Music Postlude**

*Thank you for worshipping with us, whether in person or on line. We look  
forward to joining with you again next week!*