

Stouffville United Church
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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:

"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: Come, let us praise God together.

All: Young and old and in between, we gather to worship God

One: Because God loves to receive our praise,

All: And God loves to hear our prayers,

One: We are happy to praise God together,

All: We thank God for each person in our midst.

One: So come, let us worship God together.

Hymn: - God we Praise you for the Morning (415 VU verses 1-5)

Prayer of Confession:

O Gracious God, you are the reason we are here. You have given us, on this earth, everything we need to survive and live. You provide what will fill out bellies, minds and souls. Please show us the way so all who inhabit the earth can live in harmony with each other sharing what you provide. May we not waste what you have given us. Forgive us and challenge us to a new way when we do. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Words of Assurance:

Be assured that God is always with us. Even when we don't listen or turn away, God remains with us, waiting for us to turn back, to open our eyes and ears to God's will for our lives. Be assured that even when things seem unclear or uncertain, God is with us. Breathe deeply God's love for us.

A time of silence

Music Ministry

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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

Gracious and 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

As we are gathered here today, we ask you, our living God, to shower onto us your wisdom and knowledge. We pray that as we listen to your word, we may have the ability to clearly see what God has called us to do. We seek to live to fulfill your purpose so that we can see your kingdom. Illuminate our eyes and reveal to us your glory. Amen.

Scripture: Romans 8: 26-39 (NIV)

Sermon: The Spirit Guides Us

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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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: Like a Healing Stream (144 MV)

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!