

**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**

## **CHRIST CANDLE**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING HYMN**                    #222 "Come Let us sing"

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**LEADER:**    Gracious God,  
                  You have created this beautiful world,  
                  And woven your light through every human being.

**PEOPLE:**    **But we have failed to rejoice in the daily gift of life;**  
                  **We have been quick to judge,**  
                  **Slow to appreciate.**  
                  **We have been quick to complain,**  
                  **slow to remember your many blessings.**  
                  **In our blindness,**  
                  **we have hurt ourselves and others.**

**We are sorry for this,  
and all the ways we have failed you and one another.**

*Silent reflection*

**LEADER:** Send your Holy Spirit on us, we pray.

**PEOPLE:** **Heal us, renew us and remind us  
to seek your light in all things,  
and to rejoice in the work of your hands.  
Amen**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE.**

**PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

**ALL:** **Gracious God,  
We lift our hearts to you in thanksgiving  
for all the blessings you have showered on us.**

**Everything we have, Lord God, is yours.  
We commit it all again to you,  
that in and through our lives  
and the work of this church,  
You may fulfill your purposes  
of love, justice, inclusion and peace.  
Amen.**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**Leader:** Your Word is a lamp to our feet,  
And a light to our path

**People** **Give us grace to receive your truth  
In faith and love.  
Amen.**

**First Scripture: Psalm 25 (v 1-7)**

**Second Scripture: Proverbs 8:1-4; 22-36.**

*Music ministry*

**Sermon: “God’s Cheering Section”**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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

**CLOSING HYMN:** #686 God of Grace and God of Glory

**COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

**MUSIC POSTLUDE**

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