

# Lakefield & Young's Point Pastoral Charge

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**Sunday November 14, 2021**

*We Gather with Praise*

***Indigenous Land Acknowledgement:*** *We respectfully acknowledge that Lakefield United Church is located on the Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as Williams Treaty First Nations, which include: Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Rama, Beausoleil, and Georgina Island First Nations.*

*Lakefield United Church respectfully acknowledges that the Parties of Williams Treaties are the stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters, and that we all must take responsibility and work together to ensure their health and integrity for generations to come.*

**Prelude** *Adagio* from Oboe concerto, Alessandro Marcello  
*It is Well* with my Soul, arranged by Virgil Hostetler

## **Greeting**

Friends, whatever has happened this week in your life, know that God is with you and offering you peace, rest and blessing. Welcome to this place of sanctuary.

## **We light the Candle**

There was once a person ...

## **Call to Worship**

God's Word called into being the pumpkins,  
the geese who fly south, the leaves which litter our lawns.

**In awe, we come into the presence of the God of vivid imagination.**

God's arms reach down and gather up  
children, lovingly placing us in grace's lap.

**In joy, we reach up to the God who loves us completely.**

God's Spirit fills our lungs, so we can cry out for justice  
for the broken, the young, the old, the abandoned of our time.  
**In service, we join with our God to build hope in our world.**

### **Opening Prayer**

You who have created us and sustain us:  
we come with thanksgiving for these moments  
when we can ease the pace of our lives  
and listen for your voice.  
Create a spirit within us  
that truly draws us toward you  
and toward all your people;  
a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle and bold.  
Clear our minds, open our hearts  
and touch us with your presence and your power.  
Amen.

*adapted from Life In Liturgy*

### **Hymn VU 651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

### **Scripture Readings**

#### **Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17**

Naomi instructs Ruth to approach Boaz, which she does. Boaz takes Ruth to be his wife, and she bears a son called Obed – David's grandfather.

#### **Mark 12:38-44**

Jesus warns against the legal experts who seek honour, and who cheat poor widows and show off with long prayers. Then he comments on a poor widow who places a small offering in the collection box, saying that she has put in more than anyone else, because she has given everything.

### **Reflection**

### **Hymn VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

Lord, you have placed before us your wonderful world, with its blessings and its difficulties. You have called us to be peacemakers and people who will work for you, offering our lives and our gifts in your service. But we sometimes hold back from trusting in these gifts you have given to us. We wonder if they will be enough to make a difference. And we become caught in the trap of believing that only the largest gifts have any worth. Forgive us when we slide so

easily into our fears of inadequacy. Each of us has been blessed, and each is called to be a blessing. There are no small and insignificant gifts for God to bless and use. Free us from our fears of "not enough" and help us to joyfully place our hopes, dreams and lives in your care.

As we move into the rest of this good day you have given us, we lift up names and situations, seeking your healing mercies and comforting power, help us to feel those same mercies and comfort active in our lives, reminding us that your love is poured out on us so that we may serve.

*Silence is kept as prayers are offered...*

Strengthen and encourage us as we move into the rest of this day seeking to be good stewards of all that you have given us. We gather our prayers of our hearts with those expressed in word and deed with the ancient text that Jesus taught to his followers:

### **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.

### **Remembering the Offering**

**Enable us, Lord, to give these offerings  
with a sense of the sacredness  
and dignity which befit their appointed purpose –  
to serve in love in justice.**

**Solo**            *It is Well*            Holly Chester

### **Extinguish the Candle**

#### **Commissioning**

'Go now,' God says to us in this moment.  
**And so, we will go to share from our abundance  
with all who live in scarcity's shadows.**

'Go now to serve,' Jesus challenges us in this moment.

**And so, we will join in building neighborhoods of justice,  
in keeping faith with all who have been forgotten.**

'Go now to understand,' the Spirit urges us in this moment.

**And so, we will go to watch (and learn from)  
those who welcome outsiders into their lives.**

## **Benediction**

**Postlude** variation on "Praise the Lord" by Edward Broughton

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## ***What's happening at Lakefield United Church?***

### **Volunteer Drivers**

We are looking for volunteers to drive members of the congregation to Sunday worship on a weekly basis. Please contact the church office or Brenda Neill, Chair of Membership and Pastoral Care, if you are interested.

### **Church Custodian**

We are looking for a Custodian to join the team at LUC. Part-time, approx 15 hrs/week, salaried, with some benefits. If you or someone in your circle would be interested, please contact the office at [lkflduc@nexicom.net](mailto:lkflduc@nexicom.net)

### **Lakefield United Church 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting**

Please mark your calendars for a congregational meeting to be held after worship on Sunday November 21, 2021. Although it seems strange, this will be the Annual General Meeting for 2021 where we approve the reports from 2020, adopt the budget and slate of leaders, and give thanks. You will have received the AGM report previously. If you have misplaced your copy of the 2020 Annual Report, please contact the office. The delay has been a result of the COVID-19 protocols and a desire by the Coordinating Council to ensure all who wish to participate in the meeting could do so.

Due to current COVID-19 protocols, the meeting will be held in the sanctuary where we can physically distance and no food will be provided.

### **A.O.T.S. Men's Club Meeting & Call for New Members**

The men's Club, AOTS will begin meeting in January 2022 and are looking for new members. Please contact Bill Dummitt 705 957 2590, John Draper or the church office.

AOTS will be selling Christmas trees this year beginning November 26<sup>th</sup> with a limited supply due to Christmas 🎄 shortage.

### **Birthdays:**

Best wishes to all who are celebrating a birthday this week.

### **Anniversaries:**

Congratulations to all who are celebrating a wedding anniversary this week.