

# Lakefield United Church

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**SUNDAY April 9, 2023**  
**Easter Sunday**

***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.

We gather with Praise  
(asterisk \* indicates please stand as able)

**Prelude** The Old Rugged Cross

**Welcome**

## **Psalm 118**

God is good!

**All the time!**

And all the time!

**God is good!**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's love endures forever.

Let all people shout it from the rooftops,

"God's love endures forever!"

**God's love endures forever!**

## **Announcements**

### **Candle Lighting**

The Risen Christ lives today!

**We are witnesses to these things.**

We sing praise to God incarnate.

**May his love burn within us!**

### **Sung Response    VU 958 x2**

Halle, halle, halle, lu jah!

Halle, halle, halle, lu jah!

Halle, halle, halle, lu jah!

Hallelujah!

Hal le lu jah!

### **Call to Worship**

This is the day that you have made,

life-giving God.

**Joining with angels and archangels**

**and with the chorus that is rising  
throughout all the earth,  
we will rejoice and be glad this day.**

You take our endings  
and you make your new beginnings.

**You surprise and astound us  
in places where we expected  
that you were absent.**

You challenge us to reconsider  
what is possible.

**Living Lord,  
Saviour Christ,**

**we praise you,  
for you are raised by the power of God  
and there is a new creation  
and, by your grace,  
we are in it!**

**Alleluia! Amen.**

*Christine Jerrett*

### **\*Opening Prayer**

At a time like this,  
when the triumph of death seems inevitable  
and the suffering around us  
makes us want to turn away,  
**we commit to resurrection:**

In the secret chambers  
where power-brokers meet,

**we commit to making  
the voice of life and justice heard;**

In the crisis moments  
when quick decisions must be made  
that hold human lives in the balance  
**we commit to making peace  
and co-existence the challenge we raise;**

In the forgotten corners  
where the powerless and poor  
daily walk the valley of the shadow of death,  
**we commit to equity, compassion and  
giving;**

In the dying places on our planet  
where human carelessness and consumption  
have threatened the survival of all  
**we commit to simplicity and sustainability**

As you stand among us now, Jesus,  
in your resurrected glory,  
**May we know the power of your life;  
May we turn away from death;  
May we become agents of resurrection,  
where ever we find ourselves.  
Amen.**

**Hymn      VU 155      Jesus Christ is Risen  
verses 1,2,4**

## **Conversation Time**

**Hymn      MV 183      I'm Gonna Shout**

**Gospel Lesson      John 20:1-18**

**Anthem      Sunrise Resurrection by Joseph  
Martin**

## **Reflection**

**\*Hymn      VU 468      Let Us Tongues**

## **Communion Service**

### **Invitation**

On this day, we celebrate the risen Christ

**On this day,**

**we celebrate resurrection in our lives.**

On this day, we embrace the grace which  
reaches from the tomb.

**On this day, we embrace faith by  
committing to love in action.**

On this day, we shout Hallelujah!

**On this day we shout,**

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**Prayer of Communion**

**Distribution of Elements**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Prayers of The People**

**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**

**Hymn      VU 164    The Day of Resurrection**

## **\*Benediction**

Love wins.

Jesus lives and reigns.

Sin is defeated.

Death is conquered.

**He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

**With hope and joy in our hearts**

**let us go from here**

**to love and to serve the risen Lord.**

And may the blessing of God almighty,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

remain with you this Easter day

and forever more.

**Choral Benediction**      The Lord Bless You

And Keep You by John Rutters

**Postlude**      Come, Let Us Sing by David  
Paxton