Lakefield United Church

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Easter 6A – Mother's Day/Christian Family 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

Welcome

Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around:

within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.

We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life,

the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat. We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

Presbyterian Church USA

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Holy God, we come together to worship, a people who like to think that we love you with all our hearts and souls, with all our might,

but there are so many other things in our lives that clamor for our attention that we often relegate you to Sundays and times when we want you to rescue us. Most of us really do want you to be the one in whom we live and move and have our being. We really do want to hear your voice above all of the other voices in our lives. But we get bogged down in the daily routine. We forget who we are. We forget who you are. We forget what the church is supposed to be.

So here we are, standing before you today, with our human foibles and our short attention spans, asking you to make yourself known to us, that you help us to recognize the presence of the Holy, that you continue to challenge us, inspire us, and make us into the people you want us to be. Amen.

Adapted from Katie Cook

Conversation Time

Hymn VU 395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down

Scripture Lesson Acts 17:22-31

Reflection

*Hymn VU 296 This is God's Wondrous World

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Lord, I lift Your name on high Lord, I love to sing Your praises I'm so glad You're in my life I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way From earth to the cross, my debt to pay From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky Lord, I lift your name on high

Repeat

Offering Prayer

Dedication of the Offering The Festival Doxology (tune VU 217)

Praise God the Giver and the Gift;
All hearts and voices now uplift:
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Creator, Christ and Spirit One
From whom new life and joy have come:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn VU 342 vs 1,3,4 You Servants of God

Choral Benediction VU 884 You Shall Go Out With Joy

Postlude Trumpet Voluntary by Jeremiah Clarke

^{*}Benediction