

# Lakefield United Church

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***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**

Sing God a brand-new song!  
Earth and everyone in it, sing!  
**Sing to God—worship God!**

Shout the news of God's victory from sea to sea,  
Take the news of God's glory to the lost,  
News of God's wonders to one and all!

**For God is great, and worth a thousand  
Hallelujahs.**

God made the heavens—  
Royal splendor radiates from the Holy One,  
A powerful beauty sets God apart.

**Bring gifts and celebrate,  
Bow before the beauty of God,  
Then to your knees—everyone worship!**

Let's hear it from Sky,  
With Earth joining in,  
And a huge round of applause from Sea.

**Let Wilderness turn cartwheels,  
Animals, come dance,  
Put every tree of the forest in the choir—**

An extravaganza before God as he comes,  
As he comes to set everything right on earth,  
Set everything right, treat everyone fair.

**Sing to God a brand-new song,  
and worship the most holy!**

**Amen**

*Psalm 96, selected verses, The Message*

### **\*Opening Prayer (Responsive)**

The kindom of God is at hand – you proclaimed it,  
Jesus;

**But, it often feels like it's a million miles away.  
You demonstrated its grace and showed its  
power,  
but the signs often appear faded or absent in  
our world.**

We need your kindom to come, O God,  
in all its fullness, in all its glory;

**This waiting, this “now and not yet” experience  
of your reign  
is hard and frustrating.**

And so we pray for your kindom to be revealed in  
our lives,

turning our sickness and sin, our brokenness and  
fear

into friendship and compassion, wholeness and joy.

**Your kindom come to us now.**

**Your kindom to be revealed in our  
neighbourhoods,**

**turning our division and suspicion, our judgement and our competition into fellowship and care, compassion and service.**

Your kindom come to us now.

We pray for your kindom to be revealed in our world,

**turning our war and our disparities, our consumption and our self-interest into peace and collaboration, stewardship and reverence.**

**Your kindom come to us now.**

Your kindom is here, and it is coming, O God.

**Make us faithful heralds of its message and tireless practitioners of its ways.**

**For Jesus sake.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn VU 625 I Feel the Winds of God Today**

**Conversation Time**

**Scripture Lesson Acts 1:6-14 Beth Steinmiller**

**Reflection**

**Response**

**\*Hymn MV 59 Alleluia, Sing Praise to God**

**Prayers of The People**

*Silence*

**Choral Response      VU 400**

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

**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**

**Dedication of the Offering**

**Loving God, you pour out your grace upon us  
without reservation; help us to be as gracious  
and generous with our gifts and resources, so  
others might know your hope, your healing, your**

presence in their lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen

### **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! Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn VU 582 There’s a Spirit in the Air vs 1,2,6**

### **\*Benediction**

**Choral Benediction    VU 884  
   You Shall Go Out With Joy**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
while you go out with joy.

### **Postlude**