

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 - Beethoven- "Pathetique Sonata" - 2nd
Movement performed by Maggie Crawford

Welcome

Announcements

Candle Lighting MV 33 Jesus Came Bringing Hope
(2x)

Call to Worship VU 396 Jesus, Stand Among Us
Jesus, stand among us in your risen power;
let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.
Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart;
bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.
William Pennefather (1873)

Opening Prayer (Responsive)

Loving God, Creator of us all, we come seeking your refreshing presence in the midst of this season of summer. Like cool water or a gentle breeze, you renew us and enliven us to be your faithful community. Draw our hearts together as we come here today to worship you. Teach us your will to do, your word to speak, your song to sing, and your love to share. We pray in the strong name of Jesus, our Redeemer and Friend. Amen.

*Adapted from Cindy Randall, Humbervale U.C.,
Etobicoke, Ont. Used with permission, Gathering
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Conversation Time

Hymn VU 421 Lead On O Cloud Of Presence

Scripture Lesson Matthew 9:9-26 Bill Devitt

Solo Jessica McNutt “Faithful One” by Brian Doerksen

Reflection

***Hymn** VU 509 I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

Prayers of The People

In each part of the prayer, you will be invited to move your body as you are able. Please feel free to change it up as works for you. There will be moments of silence. You are welcome to speak a word into that silence, knowing that only God—and those around, if you’re not alone—will hear it—or you’re welcome to just let the silence hold you.

God within,

(leader with hands on heart)

God without,

(leader with hands to sides, palms out)

God of all creation,

(leader creating a globe with their hands, fingertips touching)

we offer you our prayers...

(leader moves hands to create a cup)

for ourselves, and for all creation

(leader places one hand on heart, other in front, palm out)

(pause for silent prayer)

for the creatures of the sea

(hand making a swimming motion)

for the birds of the air
(hand making a flying/bird motion)
for all that lives on the land,
(a fist, sitting on the land)
or in it...
(the other fist, underneath it)
we give thanks!
(arms open wide in "ALLELUIA!" pose)
We recognize that your creation is hurting
(bring arms in, with wrists crossing at chest)
and that we have been the cause of that pain,
(keep wrists crossed, bring arms tighter against
chest)
forgive us, we pray,
(hands back to making a cup)
(pause for silent prayer)
help us, we pray,
to be transformers, healers, people who change the
world
(hands back to making a globe)
for the health and well being of all your creatures,
from the smallest to the largest.
(hands pull back to make the globe bigger and
bigger and bigger!)

Help us to understand that we are ONE part
of your creation,
and that your love fills the spaces,
connecting us all.
(hands brought together, fingers interlaced)
Help us to live together, new.
(pause for silent prayer)

As followers of Jesus,
(one finger touches the centre of each palm)
as people led by the Holy Spirit,
(pinch thumb and finger together and spiral up like
rising smoke)
as people loved by the Creator,
(arms wrapping around self)
we pray.
Amen.
(hands in prayer, in front of body)

Prayer Response MV 112 Antiphon only
(repeat)

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

Doxology (Tune: old 100th)

**Praise God whose breath fills all the earth
Whose love reveals our sacred worth
Whose Spirit forms one family
Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.**

Dedication of the Offering

Offering Prayer

***Hymn** VU 567 Will You Come and Follow
 Me vs 1, 4, 5

Blessing for the Way

98 years of life.

98 years of ministry.

98 years of possibility.

98 years of story.

98 years that are a part of 2,000 years gone by.

People of God, know this—

in the coming year,

in the coming decade,

in the coming century,

in the coming millennium...

**we will continue to be Jesus' people,
living out his call.**

**We don't know where that will take us.
We don't know what it will look like.**

**But we do know this—
we will never be alone in this journey.
God is with us. All ways. And Always.**

The peace of Christ holds us,
and the love of the Creator enfolds us,
and the wings of the Holy Spirit carry us,

carry all creation,
now, and forever.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Amen!

***Benediction**

Go into the world
Go with more than just words
bring hope to lives that see none
Let your prayer be the dirty hands
of one who
Loves
---- beyond words
and the giving of alms
the gift waiting there for you
is beyond any gift you could ever give
beyond any gift you could ever receive
Go into the world
and tell of the love of Christ
in the words you speak

and in the deeds you do
that all may marvel and know
this Prince of Peace
this God of love
sent not just to tell
---- but to do
and as the Father has sent me
so now I send you

Choral Benediction MV 224 May the God of
Peace

Postlude A Joyous Acclamation by Gerald
Peterson