

Lakefield United Church

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SUNDAY June 18, 2023
Proper 6A Baptism 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 Minuet from “Berenice” by George
Frederick Handel

Welcome

Announcements

Candle Lighting David James and Penny Cross

Call to Worship Psalm 100 VU 820

Opening Prayer (Responsive)

There is no question in our minds, God
that you deserve all the devotion and adoration
that we can give;

**Which means that we will sing with our music,
but we will also sing through every action we
perform.**

As we sing of your greatness and majesty,
**we will also sing by refusing to bow to the idols
of nationalism and materialism.**

As we sing of your generosity and extravagant
blessing,
**we will also sing by giving
of our time,
our resources,
our abilities,
to those who know the sharp ache of need.**

As we sing of your goodness and love,
**we will also sing by treating each person we
encounter
with respect and dignity,
with understanding and compassion.**

We share God's love with you.

Like a chorus of songbirds, this child brings joy and celebration.

**Child of grace and wonder –
we welcome you.**

We share God's love with you.

Like spring's fragrant bouquet, this child is beauty and tenderness.

**Child of grace and wonder –
we welcome you.**

We share God's love with you.

Like earth's rhythm of abundance, this child is gift and treasure.

**Child of grace and wonder –
we welcome you.**

We share God's love with you.

Questions and Promises

Kelsey and Andrew, Do you believe in God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

I do by the grace of God.

Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ, resisting oppression and evil seeking justice and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

I will God being my helper.

Will you proclaim Jesus crucified and risen in your words and actions?

I will God being my helper.

Statement of Commitment

In baptism, this child marks an important step in the journey of faith. Will you care for them and help

them to take their place in the mission and witness of Christ's church?

I will God being my helper

Congregational Commitment

As members of Lakefield United Church and friends and family of Aubrey, do you commit yourself to support and nurture Aubrey within a community which worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice, and resists evil?

We do, God being our helper.

We rejoice with you today in the celebration. We are thankful that you and your child are part of our church family. We will support, by example and our words, your efforts to provide a loving, caring home where trust in God grows and the way of love and justice is chosen. We promise to remember you in our prayers and to surround you with our love and support.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Pouring of the Water
(Family member pours the water)

Act of Baptism

Presentation of Gifts

Brenda Neill

Statement of Faith

**I believe in a God
who created all things**

and seeks for all to be in communion as God's people.

**I believe in Jesus Christ
who showed us how to share love,
and who commissioned us to go out into the
highways and byways
inviting all to be a part of God's work in the
world.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit
who leads and guides us into the world,
then touches the lives of those around us
in ways that make them receptive to love.**

**I believe in the harvest
and the call for laborers to receive and respond,
sharing light and life with the world. Amen.**

Tim Tate

Hymn VU 453 Out of Deep, Unordered Water
vs 3

Scripture Lesson Matthew 9:35 -10:23

The theme of this week's readings is about God's election of God's people. God chooses a people to partner with God, to be God's own treasured possession, and to experience God's promise, God's presence, and God's love. This choosing is not for the sake of those who are chosen. God's choice of Abraham and Sarah, of the Israelites, of

the disciples, and of all who follow the way of Jesus is for the sake of those who will come to know God's grace and love through them. The clear call of this week, then, is for us to be a people who respond to God's choosing by partnering with God in sharing the values, priorities, and purposes of God's Reign with our world. But, if we accept God's invitation, God's choosing of us, we have to know that this will mean that we have to endure suffering and persecution. This is inevitable because following Jesus' way means being out of step with the society around us. But, it also means that whenever we find ourselves being misunderstood or questioned or challenged we have an opportunity to share the message of Jesus and to demonstrate God's love and grace through our actions.

Reflection

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

Prayers of The People

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

**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.**

Offering Prayer

***Hymn VU 289 It Only Takes a Spark**

***Benediction**

**Choral Benediction MV 224 May the God of
Peace**

Postlude Boundless Grace by David Paxton