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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 and Announcements Glenda Newson

Lighting the Christ Candle

Heather Dummitt

We give thanks for the light of hope—unrelenting and inexplicable.

Our hope in Christ shines on.

We give thanks for the light of peace—strong and unafraid.

The peace of Christ lights our way.

We give thanks for the light of joy—persistent and unpredictable.

The joy of Christ brightens our lives.

We give thanks for the light of love—hot and holy.

The love of Christ comforts and challenges.

Now let us light the Christ candle as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Thank you, God, for your light in this world through Jesus Christ.

The light shines in the darkness.

And the darkness has not overcome it.

***Hymn VU 642 Be Thou My Vision vs 1,3,5**

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come, Lord, and be one with us. We invite you to open our hearts to receive your love.

Come now, Lord, and pour your love into our lives once again.

Come, Lord, and be one with us. We invite you to open our eyes to see your glory.

Come now, Lord, for we are waiting to see your face.

Come, Lord, and be one with us. We invite you to open our minds to understand your grace.

Come now, Lord, for we want to experience all the blessings you want to give us.

Come, Lord, and be one with us.

Come now, Lord. We are waiting and watching and listening. We are ready to encounter your glory and seek your will for our lives.

Come, Lord, and keep us alert to your calling.

Come now, Lord. We are ready to honour you with our very being.

Amen.

Conversation Time Chris Jones

***Hymn MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts vs 1,3,5**

Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 29: 5-12

REFLECTION

***Hymn VU 343 I Love to Tell the Story**

Prayers of The People

Loving God,

you are our Creator and Sustainer.

When you open your hand,

you satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

And so we look to you whenever we are in need, trusting in your love and your abundant goodness.

As you once fed the hungry crowds with five loaves
and two small fish,
we ask that you would again fill those who are
empty this day.
Pour out your Spirit on all who hunger and thirst.

We pray for those who are physically hungry—
whose stomachs are empty.
We think especially of those who are facing
increased food costs in this time of inflation, places
where there are critical food shortages;
those who are suffering the effects of malnutrition
and starvation;
and food deserts where war and violence
or economic prosperity rule over human need.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.
Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

We pray for those who are empty emotionally—
who are lonely and long for companionship and
love,
 who are caught in the grip of depression,
 or overwhelmed with grief.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.
Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

We pray for those who are spiritually empty—
who are troubled, but don't know where to turn;

who long for purpose and meaning, but don't
know where to look;
who need You, but do not yet know You.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.
Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

We pray for those who are hungry for peace –
who live in violent homes,
exist in violent relationships,
reside in countries devastated by war,
or minds, bodies and spirits that are consumed by
dis-ease.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.
Pour out Your Spirit, so that we may be filled.**

God, we praise You for Your abundant gifts in our
lives.

We are blessed with moments of joy,
deep love,
laughter and community.

Pour out Your Spirit on us as well.

Fill us with Your compassion and love,
so that we would willingly share some of our
abundance
with those who have need.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.
Pour out Your Spirit, so that we may be filled.**

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

who came so that all of humanity might come to
know
the abundant life that comes from You.
Amen.

Christine Longhurst, re: Worship

Choral Response MV 85 O Take Me As I Am 2x

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and love in me.

Prayer Response and the Lord's Prayer

*Joining our voices together, we repeat the ancient
prayer of Jesus:*

**Our Father Who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power and the glory
Forever and ever, amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

In gratitude for all that we have received from you,
O Lord,
we offer our tithes and gifts for the ministry of this
church
in this world which hungers and thirsts for love and
peace.
AMEN.

***Doxology VU 541 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
All creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit One.**

Offering Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you that you can satisfy our
every desire and need.

**Your word says that we should give honor to
you with the first fruits of our wealth.**

Accept our tithes and offerings as a gift of worship
to you. Multiply what we give for the effective growth
of your kingdom.

**May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith so
that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may
have the strength to know the love of Christ that
surpasses knowledge.**

May we be filled with all the fullness of God.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

Amen.

***Hymn MV 216 Wherever You May Go**

***Benediction:**

Father, help us to live this day to the full,
Being true to You, in every way.
Jesus, help us to give ourselves away to others,
Being kind to everyone we meet.
Spirit, help us to love the lost,
Proclaiming Christ in all that we do and say.
Amen

***Choral Benediction MV 214 May God's
Sheltering Wings**

May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.

May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in her love.

Postlude