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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

Lighting the Christ Candle

**\*Hymn      MV 27 Creator God, You Gave us Life**

**Call to Worship      (Responsive)**

In the midst of our summer we hear a call:  
everyone who thirsts, come to the waters...  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and  
without price...

Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

**God, we have come together seeking food and  
water for our souls,  
in this time together refresh and nurture us,  
as we offer our praise to you.**

Amen

**Opening Prayer (Unison)**

**How did it happen, God?**

**How did we come to believe in scarcity?**

**In “not enough to go around;”**

**In “you gotta look after yourself”?**

**How did we miss the plenty bursting out around  
us?**

**How did we fall for the deception that what we  
can grasp in our hands  
would ever be enough?**

**How did we grow so blind and so foolish,  
that we would allow so much beauty and life,  
joy and laughter,  
sharing and love,  
to pass us by unnoticed?**

**How poor we have become, and how poor we  
have made others,  
simply because we forgot your infinite,  
overflowing abundance;  
because we allowed ourselves to think  
that sharing and giving  
leaves us with less;  
because we nurtured appetites that are never  
satisfied  
unless they have far more than is needed,  
thinking our gluttony would silence our fear.**

**Forgive us, and teach us about your generosity  
again;  
remind us that you are able and willing  
to do far more than we can imagine;  
and open our eyes to the plenty we enjoy,  
the plenty we can share,  
and all the plentiful goodness in our world  
that cannot be owned, but can enjoyed by all.  
Amen.**

## **Conversation Time**

**\*Hymn      VU 703 In the Bulb There Is A Flower**

## **Introduction to the Scripture**

**Scripture Lesson      Matthew 14:13-21**

## **Reflection**

**\*Hymn      VU 460      All Who Hunger**

## **Prayers of The People**

### **Congregational Response**

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

**Choral Response      MV 85      Take, 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  
They 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**

**\*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**

On my own  
what I have to give  
doesn't amount to much  
in the light of all you have given to me  
and in the face of so much need.

**Put together as a congregation,  
what we offer you here in love  
becomes more,  
not simply added together,  
but somehow multiplied in its usefulness.**

**We ask you to bless our gifts  
and with the addition of your blessing,  
just as it was with the loaves and fishes,**

**there is enough for all.**

Amen

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**\*Hymn      VU 506 Take My Life and Let It Be**

**\*Benediction**

**\*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**