

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

An Indigenous teaching on light:

All of this is sacred and so do not forget! Every dawn as it comes is a holy event, and every day is holy, for the light comes from your father Wakan-Tanka (or Great Spirit); and also you must always remember that the two-leggeds and all the other peoples who stand upon this earth are sacred and should be treated as such. (*Black Elk, The Sacred Pipe*)

We give thanks to the Holy One for light and for One who called himself The Light.

***Hymn** VU 240 Praise My Soul vs 1, 3, 5

Call to Worship

In the presence of Creator, we gather this day in a spirit of gratitude.

Gratitude for all the gifts of Creation—the air, the water, the land, the change of seasons as we move into summer.

Gratitude for all the creatures that walk, swim, fly, and crawl on this earth.

We gather seeking wisdom to help us live a generous and compassionate life.

We gather seeking wisdom to help us live together with respect and humility.

We gather seeking hearts and minds that are open to new possibilities and new beginnings.

Opening Prayer (Responsive)

We give thanks for the knowledge you give to us through all the traditions of the world.

Help us to honour the gifts that each tradition offers.

We seek to take the path of love.

(Turn to the East)

We give thanks for the east,

for the sun that rises to begin each new day.

We give thanks for new life, for youth.

We give thanks for new learning and new experiences.

We seek to take the path of love.

(Turn to the South)

We give thanks for the south,

for the growth of the summertime in our lives,

for the teachings to be kind to ourselves and others.

Help us, who are elders, love and respect children and youth.

Help us to care for the elderly and those who cannot care for themselves.

We seek to take the path of love.

(Turn to the West)

We give thanks for the west,

for the understanding of how to care for the earth.

Creator, help us to use this understanding

to bring joy and new life to the world.

We seek to take the path of love.

(Turn to the North)

We give thanks for the north.

Help us to receive gifts of wisdom and new

perspectives from all peoples.

Help us to grow our roots of compassion deeper as we journey.

Together we will take the path of love for ourselves and for each other. Amen.

Conversation Time

Hymn MV 28 God of the Bible vs 1, 3, 5

Introduction to the Scripture

Scripture Lesson Matthew 10:24-39 Bill Devitt

Solo Peace in Christ by Nik Day
Performed by Jessica McNutt

Reflection

***Hymn** VU 686 God of Grace vs 1, 3, 4

Prayers of The People

Prayer Response MV 112 Antiphon

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 MV 144 Like a Healing Stream**

***Benediction**

Choral Benediction MV 224 May the God of Peace

**Postlude How Majestic Is Your Name
by Michael W Smith**