

# Lakefield United Pastoral Charge

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**Epiphany 4**

***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 Love is the Only Power**  
**Based on a Traditional Melody**

**Greeting**

**\*Hymn      VU 96      Will You Come and See  
the Light**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

We gather in this sacred space,  
**to offer our thanks to God with all our hearts.**  
We gather with this community of faith,  
**to follow Jesus, who longs to lead us into life.**  
We gather in these moments,  
**to learn all we can of grace from the Holy Spirit.**

**Opening Prayer**

Loving God,  
whose touch can heal the broken places of life,  
**touch us today...**

God of peace,  
whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits  
of confusion and despair,  
**reassure us today...**

Forgiving God,  
whose call to repentance promises grace upon  
grace,  
**place your mercy in our souls today...**

**You who heal the sick and liberate the  
imprisoned,  
who bring justice in the midst of oppression**

**and strength in the midst of weakness,  
pour out your spirit of power upon us today.**

Open our hearts to new faithfulness,  
redirect our waywardness,  
and hold us gently in your goodness.

**We confess our need to you,  
and we turn to you with hearts filled with hope,  
remembering the promises you have made to  
us,  
and your abiding presence among us.  
Amen.**

*Adapted from Peter K. Perry*

**\*Hymn      VU 358      When Jesus the Healer**

## **Introduction to the Scripture**

**Scripture Lesson      MK 1:21-28      Mike Bohm**

## **Conversation Time**

**\*Hymn      VU 578      As A Fire Is Meant for  
Burning**

## **Reflection**

**Solo      Pam Feilders      I Just Came to Praise  
the Lord by Wayne Romero**

## **Prayers of the People**

## **Prayer Response**

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Doxology MV 104 Know That God Is Good**

### **Remembrance of the Offering**

O God, we thank you for your great generosity.  
All that we are and all that we have is a gift from  
you.

Help us to serve one another  
and so reflect your spirit and goodness.

Accept these offerings  
and grant that the cause to which they are  
devoted

may prosper under your guidance.

Amen.

**\*Hymn MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide**

### **\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction MV 222 May the Peace  
of God**

**Postlude Raise a Joyous Song  
by Gerald Peterson**