

# Lakefield United Pastoral Charge

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**Easter Morning**

***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 Jesu Meine Freude by J.S. Bach**

## **Greeting**

This is the day that the Lord has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Praise the God of this day,

whose steadfast love endures forever.

Praise the God of salvation who does marvelous things.

Praise the God of everlasting life.

**\*Hymn      VU 161      Welcome, Happy Morning**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Heather Dummitt**

This is the day that you have made:

you have filled it with signs of your presence;

your Spirit's breath permeates every moment;

your grace fills each experience.

We light this candle this morning in light, in love, in hope,

as a symbol of your presence ever with us.

We light this candle in celebration of life beyond death.

Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia!

*Light the candle*

## **Call to Worship**

Out of the darkness of grief and despair

comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed.**

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.

And it is true. Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed.**

We hear a voice call our name,  
and we know our risen Lord  
is with us now and always.

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ is risen, indeed.**

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Opening Prayer**

Purple changes to gold  
darkness to light  
grey to colour.

**This is a day of transformation, yet it is more.**

Sadness to celebration,  
graveyards to gardens,  
silence to laughter.

**This is a day of revolution, yet it is more than that.**

Death to life,  
passion to proclamation,  
future to now.

In this day of resurrection  
may we tangle our thanks and our praise together, O  
Lord Jesus,  
lost for words that speak of what it is  
to be here today  
as renewed community  
and know what we always wanted to know  
and believe what we sometimes dared not believe,  
that love is the most powerful thing in all creation,

and even death,  
and even graves,  
and even nothing in all creation,  
can stop love bursting to life once more.

**This is love's day  
and Lord Jesus,  
we have chosen to celebrate together.  
Amen.**

**Lakefield Children's Choir      "Because"**  
by Shawna Belt Edwards  
conducted by Adrienne Abrahamse

**Introduction to the Scripture      Heather Dummitt**

**Scripture Lesson      JN 20:1-18**

**\*Hymn      MV 183      I'm Gonna Shout!**

**Conversation Time**

**Interlude**

**Reflection**

**Anthem      Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**  
**By Robert Lau**  
presented by the Senior choir,  
Lakefield Children's Chorus and  
accompanied by Janice Enborg on  
piano, Melinda Merryweather and  
Holly Gibson on Handbells.

## Prayers of the People

**Prayer Response**      **VU 400**      **Lord, Listen to Your Children**

## Lord's Prayer

**\*Presentation of the Offering and Doxology**  
*Please stand for the doxology*

## Remembrance of the Offering

**\*Hymn**      **VU 155**      **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

## \*Benediction

**\*Choral Benediction**      **MV 212**      **Sent Out in Jesus Name**

**Postlude**      **Come, Let Us Sing the Joy of Easter**  
**By David Paxton**

*Please feel free to leave and/or mingle during the postlude, or use this time to listen and reflect before you go into the busyness of your week ahead. God bless!*