Lakefield United Pastoral Charge

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Sunday September 13 Creation Time 1

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

Prelude

Greeting

Opening Hymn **395 VU Come In, Come In and Sit Down**

Lighting of the Christ Candle **Bill Devitt**

Call to Worship
Together, let's celebrate the possibilities that we have in God.
In the Living Christ, we are given a faith greater than life itself.
As we follow the person of Christ, the Spirit directs our path.
We are given the opportunity to proclaim the good news to all.
We enable the Spirit to touch the lives of individuals in need of love, laughter and life.
May we never hold back from announcing to all that in Christ, all things are possible. Amen!

Opening Prayer
God of compassion and love. This morning we gather as a family of faith. As we head into the fall season, we are grateful for the joy and blessings of the summer days. In this place we seek once again the love and strength that comes from You.

We are thankful for all the blessings of life and praise you as the God of all creation. Draw near to us, as we bow our hearts and minds in prayer. Strengthen the faith we have in Christ and grant us a desire to walk more fully in the light of His love. In Christ name we pray. Amen!

Scripture Matthew 16: 15-20 **Bill Devitt**

Anthem: This is My Commandment

This is My commandment that you love one another,
that your joy may be full.
This is My commandment that you love one another,
that your joy may be full:
That your joy may be full,
that your joy may be full.
This is My commandment that you love one another,
that your joy may be full.

This is My commandment that you trust one another,
that your joy may be full.
This is My commandment that you trust one another,
that your joy may be full:
That your joy may be full,
that your joy may be full.
This is My commandment that you trust one another,
that your joy may be full.

This is My commandment that you serve one another,
that your joy may be full.
This is My commandment that you serve one another,
that your joy may be full:
That your joy may be full,
that your joy may be full.

This is My commandment that you serve one another,
that your joy may be full
This is My commandment that you love one another,
that your joy may be full.
This is My commandment that you love one another,
that your joy may be full:
That your joy may be full,

that your joy may be full.
This is My commandment that you love one another, that your joy may be full

Thought for the Week

Children's Time

Sermon An Essential Question

Hymn 288 vu Great is thy Faithfulness

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music Habanero by E.S. Fuentes

Presentation of the Offering and Doxology
VU 541
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Offering Prayer

Announcements

Hymn 1 MV Let Us Build a House

Benediction

Choral Benediction
Goodness of God
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Postlude