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Sunday September 20 Creation Time 2

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 **Variations on "Morning Has Broken",** by Richard Blake

Greeting

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Opening Hymn **VU 660 How firm a Foundation**

Lighting of the Christ Candle **Dorothy Couvier**

Call to Worship

Each week as we gather to worship, we come to hear the Good News.

We come to listen to "the Word" and hear the Spirit speak so that we might follow.

In the scriptures we hear, in the silence we experience, God speaks to encourage and strengthen us.

So, we still our hearts and minds and anticipate a message from the Eternal One. Thanks be to God!

Opening Prayer

Holy One, every time we come to worship, it is an opportunity to rest in Your presence and open our hearts and minds to the wisdom of 'Your Word'. In the Scriptures, we have the chance to listen to and reflect on the 'Living Word' and how it can impact our lives in healthy, positive ways. It is in the hearing of the 'Word' that our lives are transformed. Grant us the possibility to deepen our faith this morning and to walk more fully in the footsteps of Christ our Lord. In his name we pray. Amen!

Scripture **Hebrews 4: 12-13 & Luke 11: 27-28** **Dorothy Couvier**

Anthem: : "We are Marching in the Light of God”
South African traditional hymn arranged by Anders Nyberg

Thought for the Week

Children’s Time

Sermon Embracing the Bible

Hymn MV 28 God of the Bible

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose” by D.S.Bortniansky

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 VU 343 I Love to Tell the Story

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 **Variations on the hymn tune St. Deno** by Lani Smith