

Lakeview United Church
Sunday, September 19, 2021
Worship Leader: Christa Eidsness

Welcome

Call to Worship

Gathering Song: *Gather Us In*

Opening Prayer

Holy One,

you love us beyond all measure
whether we are generous and loving
or scared and silent.

That kind of love can be overwhelming
yet you embrace us with it anyway.

In this time of worship

help us accept the love you give us, God,
show us how to be beacons of that love to the world
and fill us with your Spirit.

We pray in the name of the risen Christ,
Amen.

Hymn: *VU 246 Shout for God*

Prayer of Confession

Sacred Mystery,

sometimes the things Jesus said are hard to understand,
but it seems clear what he meant when he called us to
welcome children

the way we would welcome you.

As a human race, we struggle with that.

Too many children in our community and in the world
suffer from violence, abuse, neglect, and poverty,
too many children feel afraid in their own homes,
too many children don't have clean water or enough
food to eat,

too many children are taught that being a soldier is the
way to survive this world.

Holy One,

forgive us for the times we have not spoken out
against violence, abuse, neglect, or poverty,
forgive us for not finding a space of welcome and safety
for the children on the margins,
and teach us to truly welcome all children
the way we welcome you.

Amen.

(Pause for silent confession)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Hymn: *VU 560 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Sharing the Story

Special Music: *Come to the Water*

Scripture Reading: *Mark 9:30-37*

Message: Which Way is Up?

Hymn: *MV 127 I Saw the Rich Ones*

Acknowledging Our Gifts and Promises

Offering Music: *VU 516 You Thankful People, Come (verse 1)*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *MV 28 God of the Bible (verses 1, 3 and 4)*

Blessing

Blessing Response: *VU 969 Amen (X2)*