

Lakeview United Church
November 14, 2021
Worship Leader: Bryan Tudor

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Together)

Times are changing, but in the midst of change, God is our rock, the place of security.
Times are changing, but in the midst of change, God is our strength and the source of courage.

Times are changing, and in the midst of change, God is the one we long for and the root of peace.

So come, let us worship God together.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, your promises amaze us. Long ago you said that you would create a new heaven and a new earth. Now, in the presence of the risen Christ we live in that reality – in a world of your ongoing creation.

Help us to celebrate the world you have made, to care for it, and to make it fresh, new, and alive for generations to come. Amen.

Opening Hymn: 262 Voices United, *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (verses 1, 2 and 4)

Children's Time - Endings and Beginnings

Prayer for Healing and Wholeness (Adapted from a prayer by Dianne Astle, **Gathering**. Used with permission)

Gracious God, we come before you to acknowledge that we have not always been the people you intended us to be, and for that we are truly sorry.

You intend us to use our gifts in service, yet sometimes our fears prevent us from offering ourselves.

You call us to give our time in service, but we easily fill up our time with unnecessary busyness or with too much idleness.

Forgive us God and help us to say yes to you so that all the gifts you have given us can be put to use. Help us to say yes that we might be blessed as we give ourselves in blessing a world in need. Amen

Words of Assurance

Prayer for Illumination (Together)

God of long ago, of the present day and of whatever lies ahead, we come to be filled with your word. May we open our hearts and minds to you so your holy light can shine in us and through us. Amen

Scripture – 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hannah's Prayer

Hymn: 120 More Voices, *My Soul Cries Out*

Scripture – Mark 13:1-8 Jesus speaks of troubles and persecutions

Music for Reflection: *Indescribable* (no lyrics for PowerPoint)

Reflection – End times and new beginnings

Hymn: 144 More Voices, *Like a Healing Stream*

Prayer of Dedication of the Offering (Together)

God of abundance, we thank you for your blessings. We ask that you accept the humble gifts which we gladly give for the work of your church here and around the world. Amen.

Offering Music: 182 More Voices, *Grateful* (Refrain, X2)

Stories of our Faith - No Way to Treat a Child - Obaida's Story

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: 245 Voices United, *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet*

Commissioning and Benediction

Benediction Response: *Lord, Send Out Your Spirit*

Postlude