

Lakeview United Affirming Statement

You deserve to be welcomed here.

We strive to insure there are no barriers to inclusion within the Lakeview community: all races, ethnicities, genders, orientations, gender identities, abilities, ages, and people of all socioeconomic status, are welcome.

It is imperative that we recognize the value of diversity and are committed to embracing each individual with joy, compassion and love.

At Lakeview we believe that our community, the ministries which they undertake and the assets which it owns are to be used by all to promote equality and love. Lakeview is committed to seeking out all races, ethnicities, genders, orientations, gender identities, abilities, ages, and people of all socioeconomic status to serve in all levels of governance, committees. Your voice is important and welcomed.

This is our pledge, that we will do our best to welcome you here.

Treaty 4 Territory

We are privileged to gather today in Treaty 4 Territory which is the traditional territory of the Cree peoples and the homeland of the Métis people.

Order of Service– April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements & Land Acknowledgement Moment of Silence

Lenten Response with Lighting of Candles: #125 More Voices – When a Grain of Wheat (x2)

Call to Worship (responsive on screen)

Opening Hymn: #115 More Voices – Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New (x3)

Prayer of the Day

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21

Responsorial Psalm: #850 Voices United – Psalm 126 (refrain 1)

New Testament Reading: Philippians 3: 4b - 14

Special Music: *Amanda Schenstead* – Sicilienne from Pelleas et Melisande (Gabriel Faure)

Gospel Reading: John 12: 1-8 Reflection

Hymn of the Day: #129 Voices United – Said Judas to Mary

A New Creed (on screen)

The Prayers of the People (response on screen)

Sharing the Peace (responsive on screen)

Offertory Prayer (on screen)

The Lord's Prayer (on screen)

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #619 Voices United– Healer of Our Every Ill (vs 1, 2 & 3)

Dismissal: (responsive on screen)

Thank you to all who helped in today's service! Worship Leader: Pastor Cheryl Toth Music Director: Nathan Pylypuk Special Music: Amanda Schenstead Readers: Ken Ready AV: Chandra Mark Communications/Social Media: Catherine Ready Hospitality: Kathy White/ Rob Bredin/Judy Ready

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev Cheryl Toth at 306-591-5924.

We pray for:

The Allen Family – Joyce's father, Albert Hargest, passed away on Sunday, March 29 in Edmonton, Ab.

Lakeview Newsletter: If you would like to receive the Lakeview email newsletter, please email your name to Cheryl C. in the office at <u>lakeviewuc@sasktel.net</u> and she will have you added.

Looking Ahead: Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday Friday, April 18 – Good Friday – 11:00 am Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday with communion

<u>Sundays in Lent:</u> Each Sunday we will be counting the weeks of Lent with planted bulbs at various stages of growth

Lenten Practice: Almsgiving

In today's gospel, Mary's extravagant gift for Jesus draws criticism from Judas because, he said, such money could instead be given to the poor. Indeed, one of our traditional Lenten practices is almsgiving—the donating of money, food or other items to people in need. At one time we used Lenten coin boxes in which we put money as an offering to support the church's mission and service to others.

Practicing generosity to help those without sufficient food, shelter or clothing strengthens our capacity to be generous and supports the common good. To practice almsgiving:

- Choose a local charity like Carmichael Outreach that helps people in need and give them the amount you would normally spend on coffee in a week or a night out with family or friends.
- Check out the United Church's Mission and Service Fund to see what they do at <u>united-church.ca</u> and make a donation to a project it supports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regina CGIT It's that time of year again. The Regina CGIT are selling plants through Growing Smiles. It may still be chilly outside but it is never too early to start dreaming of warmer days in our gardens. The orders are **due by April 30th, 2025**, and the pick-up date is May 16th. We thank you for your support. Proceeds will be going towards CGIT programming and outreach. This link will take you to our website: <u>https://</u>rcgit.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home

<u>Heritage United Garage Sale</u> – Thurs, April 24: 10 – 7 pm, Fri, April 25: 10 – 2 pm. For more information call Heritage church office 306-949-8377



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