



## Kincardine United Church

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020 10:30 a.m.

**Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.**

\*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may sit or stand.

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**PRELUDE**

Trumpet Tune Bonduca

*Henry Purcell*

**WELCOME**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and of their spirituality.

**We begin our worship this morning by acknowledging the unceded territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.**

We are all Treaty people, parties to Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836.

**Keep us mindful of the covenants that have been made – and broken – with First Nations peoples.**

May we grow into living with respect on this land,  
 walking into reconciliation through peace and friendship,  
 while honouring all who live, work and worship on it.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## GOD GATHERS US

INTERLUDE      Now The Green Blade Rises

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come to settle into the comfortable rituals of worship,  
 gathering from a physical distance or within a distance of time.

**We come longing for the familiarity of life's rhythms when so little is familiar.**

Come to celebrate our faith story of resurrection joy and of new life –  
 of hope lived into a future where the risen Son blazes light into our gloom.

**We come to breathe deeply the fresh air of renewed faith welling within us.**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

Woo Hoo! Hallelujah!

**Hallelujah! God is good!**

With trust in the Spirit's leading and in the story we treasure, let us pray:

**God who gathers us, who upholds us and who enlivens us,  
 we praise you for your joy which springs out of despair,  
 we honour you as we humbly receive your healing loving kindness,  
 we submit to your path of self-giving love proclaimed in the risen Christ.**

**In our separation, unite us.**

**In our isolation, connect us.**

**In our loneliness, embrace us.**

**Into the light of the Son's rise, lead us in the dance of possibility. Amen.**

\*VOICES UNITED 155      Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION      (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME      What Does "Hallelujah" Mean?

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
 and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

**BIBLE READING** Jeremiah 31:1-6 from the paraphrase *The Message*

**\*VOICES UNITED 183** We Meet You, O Christ to the tune *Laudate Dominum*

**BIBLE READING** Matthew 28:1-10 from the paraphrase *The Message*

**DOXOLOGY** Glory to You, My God #440 Voices United verse 5 only

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 in heaven above and earth below;  
 one God, three persons we adore –  
 be praises given forevermore.**

**MEDITATION** Active Faithing

**HYMN** This Easter Celebration by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette to tune *Aurelia*

1. This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.  
 We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.  
 We're distant from our neighbours— from worship leaders, too.  
 No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.
2. No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.  
 O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?  
 With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place  
 we ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.
3. Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room  
 but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.  
 Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see—  
 who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.
4. In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:  
 Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.  
 Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!  
 Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.
5. We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be  
 A scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.  
 In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,  
 We live the Easter message by gladly serving you.

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND****COMMUNITY PRAYERS****OFFERING INVITATION****OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

With joy we lay before you, O God, our bounty of self and of resource.

We lay it all before you for your blessing:

    blessing who we are becoming in our giving,

    blessing these gifts for your mission and ministry in the world,

    blessing our walk of faith with joy and with thanksgiving.

May we be transformed by your blessings of grace in Jesus' name. Amen.

\***VOICES UNITED** 161 Welcome Happy Morning

**\*BENEDICTION**

\***SONG OF COMMITMENT** I Have Called You by Your Name #161 More Voices

    I have given you a name, it is mine;

    I have given you my Spirit as a sign.

    With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;

    go and tell my precious people they are mine.

**POSTLUDE** Vulpius

*Healey Willan*