

Kincardine United Church

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 11:00 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

Prelude

Healey Willan

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously

the commitments made to First Nations communities

through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,

especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

Therefore, we acknowledge, this day,

that we gather for worship

on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,

and the other Indigenous peoples who preceded them –

the original nations of this land –

and we acknowledge, with respect,

their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT

Fughetta in g minor

J. E. Rembt

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Welcome, everyone! It's good to be with all of you. How are you?

Well, we're here, aren't we? Why do you ask?

Are you ready to get down and get busy?

Busy at what?

Shaking off old ways of living, former ways of being.

We thought we were coming to worship.

Yes, for sure, to worship God who shows us how to turn the world upside down.

Doesn't that mean we just sing, pray and listen while you talk?

That is certainly where it starts, but coming together in worship is just the beginning.

Uh-oh! That's rather intimidating.

Yes, it is! Isn't it wonderful?

What's wonderful about being intimidated?

Because it's a challenge God calls us to try again and again.

If you're concerned, let's join our hearts with God's heart in prayer:

Challenging God, we are never certain how to follow where Jesus leads.

We feel insufficient to the task, happier with the familiar.

When you push us to new ways of being, we feel weak and unprepared.

Strengthen, encourage and equip us, we pray, by the power of the Spirit. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 603** In Loving Partnership We Come

SHARING TIME A Good Deed Can Grow

written by Jennfier Chambliss Bertman and illustrated by Holly Hatam

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and what shall be.

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and for ever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Acts 3:12-19a from *The Message*

¹²⁻¹⁶ When Peter saw he had a congregation, he addressed the people:

“Oh, Israelites, why does this take you by such complete surprise, and why stare at us as if *our* power or piety made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his Son Jesus. The very One that Pilate called

innocent, you repudiated. You repudiated the Holy One, the Just One, and asked for a murderer in his place. You no sooner killed the Author of Life than God raised him from the dead—and we're the witnesses. Faith in Jesus' name put this man, whose condition you know so well, on his feet—yes, faith and nothing but faith put this man healed and whole right before your eyes.

17-18 "And now, friends, I know you had no idea what you were doing when you killed Jesus, and neither did your leaders. But God, who through the preaching of all the prophets had said all along that his Messiah would be killed, knew exactly what you were doing and used it to fulfill his plans.

19-23 "Now it's time to change your ways!

***MORE VOICES 78** God Weeps

BIBLE READING 1st John 3:1-7 from the New Testament

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

DOXOLOGY 104 MV (*sung twice*) "Know That God Is Good"

**Know that God is good, know that God is good,
know that God is good, God is good, God is good.**

PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION

REFLECTION "Shake It Off"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Come Build a Church Ken Medema

MISSION AND SERVICE STORY ...Liz Dillman

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

What we offer this morning is our intention to keep moving:

**moving from oppression to collaboration,
moving from isolation to community,
moving from hate to love, from war to peace.**

**May you bless us and what we offer for your mission in the world,
providing renewed life for all people in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 186** Now the Green Blade Rises

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT (*sung twice*) “Go Now in Peace” # 964 *Voices United*

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

POSTLUDE

Finale

Healey Willan