

Kincardine United Church

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023 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

Jesus, Our Redeemer

BWV 626

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.

As we came to this land,

First Nations peoples welcomed us, sustained us and taught us.

We did not hear them when they shared their vision.

In our zeal to tell them the good news of Jesus Christ,

we were closed to the value of their spirituality.

We confused Western ways and culture

with the depth, breadth, length and height of the gospel of Christ.

We imposed our civilization as a condition of accepting the gospel.

As a result, the image of the Creator in us is twisted, blurred,

and we are not what we are meant by God to be.

In our journey toward reconciliation, we acknowledge, this day,

that we gather for worship

on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,

as well as 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

MUSICAL INTROIT In Thee, Lord, have I put my Trust BWV 640 J. S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Are you ready to learn a little more about Jesus' Way of Love?

Sure! But first we want to know what is required of us.

Just come, listen and be transformed for one another.

Well, we're not sure how much we want to agree to change.

We're comfortable as we are, you know.

Come with curiosity, then, come in faith and come in trust.

We come, unsure but curious, longing for meaning and purpose in community.

Come, then, as we pray:

God who is Love, open our hearts to all our relations.

Risen Christ who gave in Love, teach us the worthiness of each one.

Spirit who breathes Love, inspire us with passion for justice and for right relation.

In song, may we raise our voices to sing why we are all worthy of love. Amen.

*VOICES UNITED 365 Jesus Loves Me

SHARING TIME What Is Love?

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 TRANSFORMS THROUGH SACRAMENT

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE *(Romans 6:3-6 from The Message) Heather Shewfelt*

Let us remember the gift of God's grace poured out in baptism.

"...when we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind;

**when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace –
a new life in a new land!**

That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means.

When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus;

when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus.

Each of us is raised into a light-filled world by God

so that we can see where we're going in our new grace-sovereign country."

Presentation

On behalf of the congregation of Kincardine United Church,
I present Scotlynn Jean Al, daughter of Sadie and Derek Al,
and I present Halley Grace Richards, daughter of Elsie and Brady Richards,
for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *(to Brady, Elsie, Derek and Sadie)*

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you promise to resist evil,
turning away from sin and toward God, to live in love and justice?

I DO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD.

Do you believe in God, Source of Love, in Jesus Christ, Love Incarnate
and in the Holy Spirit, Love's Power?

I DO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD.

Will you join with the people of this family of faith
in the mission and the ministry of Christ's Church?

I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.

GODPARENTS' COMMITMENT

(to Elsie and Brady)

Brady and Elsie, will you pray for Scotlynn, taking care that she may learn and live the faith?

I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.

(to Sadie Al and Chad Richards)

Sadie and Chad, will you pray for Halley, taking care that she may learn and live the faith?

I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT

As we rise in body or in spirit,
let us pledge to Halley and Scotlynn our support and our care.

**As a baptised and baptising church, Christ's body,
we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within this faith community
as we live out our baptisms in the light of God's grace.**

VOICES UNITED 918 A New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE POURING OF THE WATER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

(Please be seated as the water is poured into the font)

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for your blessing in the gift of life and,
within it, the gift of water.

**Now, loving God, may your Holy Spirit embrace what we do,
blessing this water that it may be a sign of new life in Christ. Amen.**

BAPTISM

Scotlynn Jean Al,

I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

I mark you with the sign of the cross, claiming you as Christ's forever.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

May the power of the Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born of water and of the Spirit,
you may be a faithful witness to Jesus Christ.

PASSING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Christ, as the light of the world, shares that light with us.
May this candle remind you of the light you share,
proclaiming God's love to the world.

INTRODUCING SCOTLYNN TO THE CONGREGATION

BAPTISM

Halley Grace Richards,

I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

I mark you with the sign of the cross, claiming you as Christ's forever.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

May the power of the Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born of water and of the Spirit,
you may be a faithful witness to Jesus Christ.

PASSING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Christ, as the light of the world, shares that light with us.
May this candle remind you of the light you share,
proclaiming God's love to the world.

INTRODUCING HALLEY TO THE CONGREGATION

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

WELCOME

Into union with Christ, into the household of faith,
we welcome you both, Halley and Scotlynn, with joy and with thanksgiving.

We are members of the body of Christ

We are inheritors of God's promise.

In the name of Christ, we welcome you!

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

MORE VOICES 92 Like a Rock

REFLECTION "The Quiltmaker's Journey" story by Jeff Brumbeau,
pictures by Gail de Marchen

VOICES UNITED 718 from Psalm 16

You, God, are my allotted portion and my cup;

you yourself have cast my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

indeed, I have a noble heritage.

VOICES UNITED 718 from Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I have said to God, "You are my God; from you alone comes all my prosperity."

All my delight is in the faithful who dwell in the land, and in those who excel in virtue.

But as for those who run after other gods, their troubles shall be multiplied.

Libations of blood I will not offer to those gods, nor will I take their names upon my lips.

VOICES UNITED 718 from Psalm 16

I will thank you, God, for giving me counsel;

at night you also teach my heart.

I keep you always before me;

you are on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

VOICES UNITED 718 from Psalm 16

So my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; for my body shall also rest in safety.

For you will not surrender me to the Grave, nor suffer your beloved to see the Abyss.

You will show me the path of life.

In your presence is fullness of joy; and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

BIBLE READING 1st Peter 1:3-9 from the New Testament

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

DOXOLOGY #89 More Voices (verse 4 only)

**Love is the Maker and Spirit and son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod;
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Praise God Words and music by Robert T. McAlpine; Arranged by Don Besig

WHY HERE?

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

Loving Creator, you made us in the image of love to care for each other.

Bless our caring connections through what we give of our time, our talent and our treasure.

May we not only become cheerful givers,

but grateful receivers of mutual loving kindness, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***VOICE UNITED 289** It Only Takes a Spark

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT *Lead Me, God # 662 Voices United*

**Lead me, God, lead me in your righteousness;
make your way plain before my face.**

**For it is you, and you, God only,
who makes me to dwell in safety.**

POSTLUDE

Concerto on Praise to The Lord

Paul Fey