

Kincardine United Church

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022 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 Christ Lag in Todesbanden BWV 625 J.S. Bach

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We acknowledge the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation:

The People of the Three Fires

known as Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomie Nations.

We further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen,
and the Chippewas of Nawash –

now known as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation –

as the traditional keepers of this land.

**Our thanks compel us to live fully into our journey of reconciliation –
a seven-generation process of intentional listening and learning.**

We seek to live together in respect, friendship and peace.

**We, thus, commit ourselves to follow Jesus' calling us into the world,
loving one another as we are loved by God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Prelude on Jesus Christ is Risen Today Paul Fey

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Let your hearts join as one, proclaiming joy and celebration.

Hallelujah! The tomb is empty and new life abounds.

Come to hear the story which is both old and new again.

We come to worship and to praise God:

who turns our doubts into wonder,

who transforms our dashed hopes into renewed purpose,

who brings the story alive through our living.

Let us join as one in prayer:

Like the women confronted by Jesus' resurrection,

we come to the empty tomb, discovering life instead of death.

Open us, O God, just as you opened the sealed tomb,

that we may find new life against all expectation.

Plant deeply within us your seeds of self-giving,

nourishing our living by the waters of our trust in you.

May the Spirit energize us to cultivate discipleship in Jesus' name. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 155** Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME The Tale of Three Trees

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 Acts 10:34-43 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

³⁴⁻³⁶ Peter fairly exploded with his good news: "It's God's own truth, nothing could be plainer: God plays no favorites! It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open. The Message he sent to the children of Israel—that through Jesus Christ everything is being put together again—well, he's doing it everywhere, among everyone.

³⁷⁻³⁸ "You know the story of what happened in Judea. It began in Galilee after John preached a total life-change. Then Jesus arrived from Nazareth, anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, ready for action. He went through the country helping people and healing everyone who was beaten down by the Devil. He was able to do all this because God was with him.

³⁹⁻⁴³ "And we saw it, saw it all, everything he did in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem where they killed him, hung him from a cross. But in three days God had him up, alive, and out where he could be seen. Not everyone saw him—he wasn't put on public display. Witnesses had been carefully handpicked by God beforehand—us! We were the ones, there to eat and drink with him after he came back from the dead. He commissioned us to announce this in public, to bear solemn witness that he is in fact the One whom God destined as Judge of the living and dead. But we're

not alone in this. Our witness that he is the means to forgiveness of sins is backed up by the witness of all the prophets.”

***VOICES UNITED 164** The Day of Resurrection

BIBLE READING Luke 24:1-12 from the New Testament page 90.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

DOXOLOGY Love Is the Touch #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.**

MEDITATION Transformation is Hard!

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

CHOIR ANTHEM He is Up and Gone Words and Music by Kay Hall
Arranged by Stan Pethel

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Take these gifts we offer, O God, and bless them as our “Hallelujahs!”
May they become hallelujahs for people near and far,
our discipleship lived in answer to fear, to separation and to inequity.
In our giving, may we become hallelujahs for people we encounter,
living signs of your love in the world. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 161** Welcome, Happy Morning

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT I Have Called You by Your Name
#161 *More Voices* (verse 4 only)

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 Prelude on Vulpus Healey Willan