



Kincardine United Church
3rd Sunday after Easter
April 18, 2021 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 Leibster Jesu, Wir Sind Heir

BWV 731 J. S. Bach

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge that we are gathered
on the traditional territory of First Nations Peoples –
Peoples who have lived on this land and by these waters
for thousands of years.

**We gather as a non-Indigenous community of faith
on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe Nation,
giving gratitude for their stewardship through the ages.**

We are newcomers to this land and we have gained so much in coming.

Our gain, however, has come at a great cost to First Nations Peoples.

We acknowledge that we have gained much within racist systems of our creation,
systems which have benefitted those who are white, Christian and heterosexual.

**Our acknowledgement is only the beginning of our journey
toward reconciliation, toward healing of all our relations**

with those we have belittled in this culture.

Our words must now be followed up with action.

**We pray the Holy Spirit breathes forgiveness, hope and love
into all our relations and sets us free from the evil of colonialism.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Leibster Jesu, Wir Sind Heir Marcel Dupré

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

New life! New possibilities! New challenges!

Come at the risen Christ's invitation to embrace our journey of becoming.

New challenges, for sure, because we are told to stay home once again.

New possibilities seem to wash away in a flood of familiar monotony.

Come, then, into this digital space – separate but together –

to cultivate fragile shoots of new life from the seeds of faith we plant.

We come, ever hopeful even in our uncertainty,

that the good news in this Easter season transforms and renews us all.

Come as we open our souls to God's touch in prayer:

God who adopts us and loves us beyond measure,

open the padlocks of our hearts that we may rediscover love's power.

Cultivate within us the fruits of the Spirit which enliven our living.

Restore us by your nurturing presence to reach out to heal and to be healed,

sowing relationships that grow and flourish in Jesus' name. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED** 345 Come, Children, Join to Sing

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME Splinting Relationships

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 Psalm 4 from *Voices United 727* – Refrain *Voices United 411*

**Refrain: O God we call, O God we call, from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.**

Answer me, when I call, O God, defender of my cause,
for you set me free when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.

**Refrain: O God we call, O God we call, from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.**

How long, you people, will you defame my honour?

How long will you love what is worthless and seek lies?

Know this, that God has chosen the faithful;

God hears me when I call.

Stand in awe, and cease from sin;

commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.

Offer the sacrifices that are appointed,

and put your trust in God.

**Refrain: O God we call, O God we call, from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.**

There are many who say,

“O that we might see prosperity!

Lift up the light of your face on us, O God.”

But you have put gladness in my heart

more than those whose grain and wine are plentiful.

Safe and sound, I live down and sleep,

for you alone, God, make me dwell in safety.

**Refrain: O God we call, O God we call, from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.**

***MORE VOICES 156** Dance with the Spirit

1. **Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin’,
move with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin’,
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**
2. **Sing with the Spirit early in the mornin’,
move with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin’,
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

3. **Live with the Spirit early in the mornin',
move with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**
4. **Love with the Spirit early in the mornin',
move with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

BIBLE READING John 3:1-7 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

3 What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who he is or what he's up to. ²⁻³ But friends, that's exactly who we are: children of God. And that's only the beginning. Who knows how we'll end up! What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see him—and in seeing him, become like him. All of us who look forward to his Coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own. ⁴⁻⁶ All who indulge in a sinful life are dangerously lawless, for sin is a major disruption of God's order. Surely you know that Christ showed up in order to get rid of sin. There is no sin in him, and sin is not part of his program. No one who lives deeply in Christ makes a practice of sin. None of those who do practice sin have taken a good look at Christ. They've got him all backward. ⁷⁻⁸ So, my dear children, don't let anyone divert you from the truth. It's the person who *acts* right who *is* right, just as we see it lived out in our righteous Messiah. Those who make a practice of sin are straight from the Devil, the pioneer in the practice of sin. The Son of God entered the scene to abolish the Devil's ways.

DOXOLOGY Sing Your Praise to God Eternal #244 *Voices United* (verse 1 only)

**Sing your praise to God eternal, sing your praise to God the Son,
sing your praise to God the Spirit, living and forever One.
God has made us, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true.
God rules over all creation, daily making all things new.**

MEDITATION Rising into Adulthood

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Sisi Gumbo We (*Swahili for "We Need You"*)

Patsy Ford Simms

*As life leads us ev'ry day, we need you to show the way.
Stay with us, don't let us stray, your will to obey.
Sisi gumbo we (walk with me). Sisi gumbo we (talk with me).*

*Sisi gumbo we (stay with me). Bwana, sisi gumbo we.
 Through the storm please be our guide; hold our hand, stay by our side.
 From your grace we'll never hide, with you we'll survive.
 Sisi gumbo we (walk with me). Sisi gumbo we (talk with me).
 Sisi gumbo we (stay with me). Bwana, sisi gumbo we.
 When our spirit's hanging low, and we're not sure where to go,
 help us trust you so we'll know how your love can flow.
 Sisi gumbo we. Sisi gumbo we (walk with me). Sisi gumbo we (talk with me).
 Sisi gumbo we (stay with me). Sisi gumbo we.
 Bwana, sisi gumbo we. Bwana, sisi gumbo we.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Liz Dillman

OFFERING INVITATION**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)**

**Here we are, God, as your invited family,
 as people who believe the risen Christ,
 as those who are woven together as one by the Spirit's power.**

Take what we offer:

our hearts, our living, our time, our talent and our treasure.

**May you so bless what we give that we become transformed for love –
 a love which fosters good news for the broader fabric of this world.**

Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 589** Lord, Speak to Me

BENEDICTION**SONG OF COMMITMENT 298** When You Walk from Here

**When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
 walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.**

POSTLUDE The Emperor's Fanfare

A. Soler, Arr. E. P. Biggs