



**Kincardine United Church
Earth Day
April 22, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

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 Miniature Suite for Organ - Prelude, Scherzzo, Communion

Willan

WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Miniature Suite for Organ - Intermezzo

Willan

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Welcome after a week of varied weather, wildly changeable precipitation,

fluctuating temperatures and the sun's coy appearances.

**We come to celebrate Creation,
wondering at God's intricate, interwoven and awesome connection.**

Feel the Spirit's invitation in the return of robins singing,
in ice-free waves washing the shoreline with exuberant freedom
and in the promise of warmth and growth yet to come.

**We come to celebrate our interdependence within Creation's dancing,
from quarks to quasars, from bacteria to fungus, from water to wilderness,
from particles to super galactic clusters, from you to me.**

Enjoy the interdependence as we enter into prayer with the divine:

**Thank you, God of life and of loving,
for the relationships you foster among us and within your Creation.**

**Teach us – within your web of life – our own place of belonging,
your invitation to mutuality, to collaboration and to evolution.**

Open us to living with all our relations by choosing life abundantly. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 222** Come Let Us Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

The earth is yours, O God, and the fullness therein.

**When we fail to see life as a gift and choose to exploit your good Creation,
show us how to live creatively interconnected with all that is,
teach us how to cherish every facet with deepest thanksgiving,
lead us to find ways to honour your web of life each day,
nurture our souls with a fuller awareness of your heartbeat within it all.**

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING TIME Canadian Foodgrains Bank

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 1st John 3:16-24 from the paraphrase The Message

***VOICES UNITED 273** The King of Love

BIBLE READING John 10:11-18 in the New Testament on page 103

GLORIA

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

MEDITATION "Rich as Dirt"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**ANTHEM** He is the Rock*Barrett***COMMUNITY PRAYERS****OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY** Miniature Suite for Organ - Trio*Willan*

***OFFERTORY HYMN 543 VU** We Give Thee but Thine Own
We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

***OFFERING PRAYER** (in unison)

God who's love is shown in your Son's light,
may your light of blessing shine upon what we offer this morning:
planting seeds of hopeful anticipation,
nourishing vibrant shoots of life in the world,
maturing relationships which demonstrate abundance,
harvesting verdant plenty to grow evermore. Amen.

MORE VOICES 135** Called by Earth and SkyBENEDICTION**

***SONG OF COMMITMENT 145 MV** Draw the Circle Wide
Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,
no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.
Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.
Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,
no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

POSTLUDE Miniature Suite for Organ - Finale*Willan*

AV MINISTRY TEAM 🗣️ Jim Zarubick, Dave Leaning
 Sean Crawford-Thompson

COUNTERS 💰 Bernd & Ursula Portz

APRIL HOUSE LEADER 🏠 Sheila Bauer

MUSIC 🎵 David Hamilton, KUC Choir

NURSERY ATTENDANT ♦ Catharine Crawford
 & Cate Crawford-Thompson

SCRIPTURE READER 📖 Joan Norris

SLIDE PRESENTATION ♦ Sarah MacKenzie

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ♦ Diane Clubb

WORSHIP 🕊️ Gord Dunbar