



Kincardine United Church
1st Sunday after Easter & Decovenanting with Kerry
April 28, 2019 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 Mash-up of selected tunes

Nathan Williams

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, and more recently the Saugeen Metis,
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

SUNG INTROIT “We’re a Fellowship of Believers”
Words and Music by Jay Althouse

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy Easter Season! Today is the first day of the week.

The joy of Easter still sings in our hearts.

Breathe the breath of new life in your spirits!

We open our hearts to all the wondrous work God has for us to do.

Welcome to worship this glorious day!

Let our lives be testimony to God’s redeeming love! Amen.

MUSICAL PRAYER OF APPROACH

“The Lighthouse” ... *Words and music by the Rend Collective*
Performed by Lydia Ritchie, solo and KUC Youth

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We confess that we far too often want proof for everything, O Lord.

We want proof that someone loves us;

we want proof that we can trust in others;

we want proof that everything in life is going to turn out all right.

It is easy for us to point our finger at Thomas who was honest about his fears. He had seen so much healing and hope.

But those hopes seemed dashed when Jesus died.

Even the news of the Resurrection did not completely lift the darkness from his life.

Jesus said to him, just as he says to us, “Peace, be still.

Do not doubt but believe!”

Lord, forgive our unbelief!

Forgive the many times when we think and act in ways
which are hurtful and mean.

Help us to place our trust in you, with our whole hearts, and minds,
and spirits, and souls.

For we ask this in your blessed Name. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (unison) The New Creed VU 918

SHARING TIME Lasting Memories

THE LORD'S PRAYER (say together)

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 118: 1-4, 19-24 (parts 1 & 3) VU 837

***VOICES UNITED 220** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

BIBLE READING John 20: 19-31 page 115 in New Testament

DOXOLOGY Gloria Patri

MEDITATION We Are Not Alone
"For Good" from the musical Wicked
Words & lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS "Kumbayah"

performed by KUC Youth

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (unison)

Loving God,

you breathe life into our mortal bodies;

you complete us and fill our every need.

For all that you have done;

for all that you have given to us,

we give thanks to you through our offerings of time, talent and treasure.

Bless our offerings – and us - for the building up of your kin-dom.

In the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

MARKING THE END OF THE COVENANTED MINISTRY

Angela: On September 4, 2018,
Kincardine United Church welcomed Kerry Stover
as Intern Minister
and formed a covenant with the community of faith,
the Lay Supervision Team of Angela Hazlewood,
Liz Dillman, Bernd Portz and Wally Jirgens
and with his Supervisor, Rev. Gord Dunbar.

Kerry: Members and friends of Kincardine United Church,
I thank you for your love, for your kindness
and for your support during these past eight months.
I am grateful for the surprises, the meals, the opportunities, the laughter
and tears and for the many blessings we have shared.
I ask you for your forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.

**We receive your thankfulness and offer our forgiveness.
We ask you to forgive us for our mistakes.
We are grateful for your blessings, gifts and passions.**

Kerry: I accept your thanksgiving and your forgiveness of me.
I forgive you.

Wally: Will you, the members and friends of Kincardine United Church
release Kerry from the duties as Intern Minister?
We will, with God's help.

Bernd: Will you respect the new pastoral relationship
into which he will soon enter and offer
your encouragement and your prayers?
We will, with God's help.

Gord: Will you, Kerry Stover, release Kincardine United Church,
the Lay Supervision Team and me, your Supervisor;
as you are called to proclaim the Good News?

Kerry: I will, with God's help.

Angela: Will you offer your encouragement and your prayers
for the continued ministry here at Kincardine United Church?

Kerry: I will, with God's help.

Gord: As we mark the ending of the pastoral relationship
between Kerry and Kincardine United Church,
let us lift our souls in prayer as we sing:

VOICES UNITED 559 "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

***SUNG BENEDICTION**

“May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You” *Words and music by Meredith Wilson*

1st Time, sung by all

2nd time, sung by Kerry:

May the good Lord bless and keep you whether near or far away
 May you find that long awaited golden day today
 May your troubles all be small ones and your fortunes ten times ten
 May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet again
 May you walk with sunlight shining and a bluebird in every tree
 May there be a silver lining back on every cloud you see
 Fill your dreams with sweet tomorrows never mind what might have been
 May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet again

POSTLUDE

Selections

Nathan Williams



AV MINISTRY TEAM 🗣️ Stu Mowry, Mary Phillips,
Sean Crawford-Thompson

COUNTERS 💰 Liz & Barry Schmidt

APRIL HOUSE LEADER 🏠 Sheila Bauer

MUSIC 🎵 Cate and Sean Crawford-Thompson,
Greg Hartwick, Morgan and Lydia
Ritchie, Nathan and Lauren Williams,
Kerry Stover, David Hamilton

NURSERY ATTENDANT ♦ Thank you

SCRIPTURE READER 📖 Marion Boyd

SLIDE PRESENTATION ♦ Sarah MacKenzie

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ♦ Catharine Crawford

WORSHIP 🕊️ Kerry Stover, Gord Dunbar