



Kincardine United Church
5th Sunday of Easter
April 29, 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

WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Prelude

J.C. Kittel

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come to this safe place for worship knowing each of us is special.

We come to celebrate being different, for different is special.

Come as those invited by the welcoming, inclusive, loving Christ.

**We come to affirm that our being inside is what matters most
for we live out our identity through word and action.**

Come in response to the Spirit's invitation to join as one in prayer:

Loving God, who's embrace is unconditional and expansive,

infuse this space in which we worship with joy,

for we are the hand clapping, toe tapping, heart pumping,

mouth tasting, arms embracing, justice seeking, hymn singing,

love making, bread breaking, risk taking Body of Christ.

Your gift to us, inspiring Spirit, is US! – for we are many and varied

in gender, in colour, in sexuality, in age, in class and in ability.

Lift our hearts in rejoicing as your beloved. Amen.

VOICES UNITED 240 Praise My Soul the God of Heaven

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

In this intimate time of prayer, O God,

we attempt to fully open our hearts to you in trust and in vulnerability.

When we build walls of suspicion to keep others out, enlighten us.

When we dig chasms of discrimination to keep us "safe," unburden us.

When we drive nails of fear into those we don't understand, heal us.

As we confess our brokenness, open us to your loving, we pray.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING TIME "I Am Jazz"

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 1st John 4:7-12, 20-21 from the paraphrase *The Message*

VOICES UNITED 365 Jesus Loves Me

BIBLE READING Acts 8:26-40 – Dramatized

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 “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way Home”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY Fugue in C Major

J.S. Bach

***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)**

What we offer as a community of faith this morning is diverse and varied.
Bless our multiplicity of gifts – of time, of talent and of treasure –
that we may engage the world's complexity with grace and with love.
Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 595** We Are Pilgrims

***BENEDICTION**

***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 Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach



AV MINISTRY TEAM 📺 Jim Zarubick, Dave Leaning, Mary Phillips
COUNTERS 💰 Ralph & Mary-Ann Knowles
APRIL HOUSE LEADER 🏠 Sheila Bauer
MUSIC 🎵 David Hamilton, KUC Choir
NURSERY ATTENDANT ♦ Angela Hazlewood
SCRIPTURE READER 📖 The Williams Family
SLIDE PRESENTATION ♦ Sarah MacKenzie
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ♦ Diane Clubb
WORSHIP 🕊️ Gord Dunbar