



**Kincardine United Church**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**  
**April 7, 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** Pavana

*William Byrd*

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

Kincardine United Church takes seriously  
the commitments made to First Nations communities  
through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,  
especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

**Therefore, we acknowledge, this day,  
that we gather for worship on the traditional territories  
of the Saugeen Ojibway,  
and 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

INTROIT      Kyrie

*F. Couprin*

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come in from the bleakness of a world covered with winter's debris.

**We come to be warmed by the fire of faith which welcomes us.**

Come as one family of faith from the barrenness of winter's last grasp.

**We come in hope and in anticipation of new life, of new possibilities.**

Come and know God's loving kindness in the communion of prayer:

**God of creation and of entropy, Christ of crucifixion and of resurrection,**

**Spirit of challenge and of wisdom, journey with us this Lent, we pray.**

**May you teach us the gift of balance within contrasts.**

**May you encounter us in our grieving even as we celebrate.**

**May you anoint us with courage and with insight,**

**preparing us for mystery, for wonder and for wholeness in you. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 327 "All Praise to Thee"**

SHARING TIME      "Balanced Baking"

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (*We Sing*)

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      Philippians 3:4b-14 from *The Message*

**\*VOICES UNITED 506 "Take My Life and Let It Be"**

BIBLE READING      John 12:1-8 in the New Testament page 106

#### DOXOLOGY Gloria Patri

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      "Evil's Lack of Balance"

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, we want the light without the absence of light;

we want the joy without struggle;

we want the green of spring without the leaves of fall;

**we want the clear path without the learning of being lost;  
we want the resurrection without the cross.**

**Speak to us of life's balance,  
of your creative possibilities within us,  
of your Creation which draws us into wholeness.**  
(Silent Prayer)

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

### GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

**ANTHEM** "Lord, Can You Hear Us Prayin'?"

*Price/Besig*

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

## OFFERING INVITATION

### OFFERING PRAYER AND LENTEN CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

As we offer ourselves for your expansive generosity,  
as we seek to recover our life's balance to embrace life with love, O God,  
**we offer to give up those ways we become twisted and life-denying,  
extinguishing our selfishness and our need for our own way,  
refusing to be enticed by smallness and by injustice,  
choosing to live in love and in wholeness.**

(Third Lenten Candle is Extinguished)

Even as the light fades,  
**bless us as we dedicate our thoughts, words and actions,  
showing us how to carry your light within our hearts to an aching world.**  
Amen.

\***VOICES UNITED** 713 "I See a New Heaven"

## \*BENEDICTION

\* **SONG OF COMMITMENT #298 VU** "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** Trumpet Tune, Cebel

*Purcell*



<b>AV MINISTRY TEAM</b> 🗣️	Jim & Judy Zarubick, Stu Mowry
<b>COUNTERS</b> 💰	Donna and Stu Mowry
<b>APRIL HOUSE LEADER</b> 🏠	Sheila Bauer
<b>MUSIC</b> 🎵	David Hamilton, KUC Choir
<b>NURSERY ATTENDANT</b> ♦	Fran Gannett
<b>SCRIPTURE READER</b> 📖	Jack Nancekivell
<b>SLIDE PRESENTATION</b> ♦	Sarah MacKenzie
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER</b> ♦	Krista Ritchie
<b>WORSHIP</b> 🕯️	Gord Dunbar, Kerry Stover