

# Kincardine United Church

## 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024 11:00 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**

Siciliana

G. Golterman

**WELCOME**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

Before we arrived as settlers,

there were First Nations here already for thousands of years –  
peoples with a tradition of stewardship with the land.

**They welcomed, sustained and taught us.**

Our prayer is that, in love, we find ways to share the land,  
celebrating all cultures with those who call this land home.

**In our reconciliation journey, we acknowledge that this community –  
where we work and worship –**

**is situated on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.**

We humbly respect their culture, traditions and stewardship of the land.

**May we live in friendship, peace, and a spirit of reconciliation  
with all our First Nations neighbours.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

## GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT

Liebster Jesu

J. G Walther

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come to share your doubts, your life's struggles and your scars.

**We come fearfully and wonderfully made, witnessing to new life.**

Share your scars – formed within your life's journey – as marks of becoming.

**We come, not to hide who we are, but to cherish the Way of Jesus –  
the Way which transforms all who walk the path of love.**

Here in this public space, dare to share your vulnerability.

**We come to rise to the challenge to love one another as we are loved by God.**

Let us join our hearts, through the Spirit, in conversation with God:

**You, risen Christ, walk the path of wholeness that transforms.**

**Continue to teach us your Way:**

**the Way that creates space at every table for ALL people;**

**the Way that pokes holes in oppressive systems;**

**the Way that forsakes violence and turns to self-giving love;**

**the Way that forgives not just ourselves and others,**

**but our enemies and those who persecute;**

**the Way that heals.**

**May we follow where you lead. Amen.**

\*VOICES UNITED 173 Thine Is the Glory

SHARING TIME “Wounded Healer: Malala Yousafzai”

#### 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** John 20:19-31 from the New Testament

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue<sup>[b]</sup> to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**\*MORE VOICES 162** Christ, within Us Hidden

**BIBLE READING** Acts 4:32-35 from *The Message*

<sup>32-33</sup> The whole congregation of believers was united as one—one heart, one mind! They didn’t even claim ownership of their own possessions. No one said, “That’s mine; you can’t have it.” They shared everything. The apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Master Jesus, and grace was on all of them.

<sup>34-35</sup> And so it turned out that not a person among them was needy. Those who owned fields or houses sold them and brought the price of the sale to the apostles and made an offering of it. The apostles then distributed it according to each person’s need.

**DOXOLOGY 104 MV** (*sung twice*) “Know That God Is Good”

**Know that God is good, know that God is good,  
know that God is good, God is good, God is good.**

**PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION**

**REFLECTION** “Where Did You Come From?”

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**ANTHEM** Run, Mary, Run Joseph M. Martin (BMI)

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Wounded Christ, take us as people who are also wounded.**

**Bless the scars we bear as evidence of our daring to love,  
sharing our time, our talent and our treasure.**

**May what we give help to heal the wounds of people the world ‘round,  
in the name of your self-giving that changes the world. Amen.**

**\*KNOWN UNKNOWNNS 42 (to the tune #372 VU) Jesus Was Doubted**

- 1. Jesus was doubted when he said that he would rise up from the dead, until released from mortal pain, he rose to live and love again.**
- 2. God's Spirit moves across the earth bringing potential to its birth, revealing truth, disarming lies, enabling buried hope to rise.**
- 3. We are not here to stay the same, to leave this world as when we came. Some things must die, some systems fail, the powerless thrive, the powerful quail.**
- 4. "All things must change and be made new"  
– if this is strange it first is true.  
God wills a new heaven to appear among the ashes of life here.**

**BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT (sung twice) "Go Now in Peace" # 964 Voices United**  
**Go now in peace, go now in peace.**  
**May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

**POSTLUDE**

The Emperor's Fanfare A Soler, Arranged by E. P. Biggs