

Kincardine United Church

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023 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 Rigaudon Andre Campara; edited and arranged by Drummond S. Wolf

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

For thousands of years, First Nations peoples have walked this land,
weaving their identity and their spirituality intimately with the land.

**European colonisation came about in large part
because of the Doctrine of Discovery,**

a flawed understanding that ignores Indigenous presence on the land.

Affirming the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
and, therefore, repudiating the wrong of such a doctrine,
we begin our worship this morning by acknowledging
the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.

We are all Treaty people, parties to Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836.

Keep us mindful of the covenants that have been made – and broken –
with First Nations peoples.

**May we grow into living with respect on this land,
walking into reconciliation through peace and friendship,
while honouring all who live, work and worship on it.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Rondo Jean Joseph Mouret; edited and arranged by Drummond S. Wolf

LIGHTING OF THE NEW CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Come into this place of celebration with joy and with anticipation.

**We come in hope that new life and renewed purpose transform us,
opening each of us to possibilities we once dismissed.**

Come as we nestle into the strengthening embrace of prayer:

Trigger our heartbeat for others, O God, that we may live into compassion.

Breathe inspiration into our living that we may proclaim your good news.

Speak to us words of self-giving that we may nurture loving community.

Teach us to be your Easter people each day, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 155** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

SHARING TIME The Tale of the Three Trees: A Traditional Folktale
Retold by Angela Elwell Hunt and Illustrated by Tim Jonke

THE LORD'S PRAYER *translated from the Aramaic*

**O cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration,
soften the ground of our being**

and carve out a space within us where your Presence can abide.

Fill us with your creativity

so that we may be empowered to bear the fruit of your mission.

Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with our desire.

**Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share what each being needs
to grow and flourish.**

Untie the tangled threads of destiny that bind us,

as we release others from the entanglement of past mistakes.

**Do not let us be seduced by that which would divert us from our true purpose,
but illuminate the opportunities of the present moment.**

**For you are the ground and the fruitful vision, the birth, power, and fulfillment,
as all is gathered and made whole once again.**

And so it is!

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Matthew 28:1-10 in the New Testament

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

***MORE VOICES 162** Christ Within Us Hidden (*Tune #355 Voices United*)

BIBLE READING Colossians 3:1-4 in the New Testament

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

DOXOLOGY #89 More Voices (verse 4 only)

**Love is the Maker and Spirit and son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod;
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

REFLECTION "Women First"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Our Saviour Is Alive Words and music by Nancy Price and Don Besig

MINUTE FOR MISSION ...*Melinda Smegal*

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

**In our giving, O God, we follow Jesus' own model of generosity.
In our generosity, Living Spirit, we travel the world to touch many.
In all our relations, Risen Christ, we rise to new life and renewed purpose.
Bless what we give and who we are becoming for your mission in the world. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 161** Welcome, Happy Morning

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT *Lead Me, God # 662 Voices United*

Lead me, God, lead me in your righteousness;

make your way plain before my face.

For it is you, and you, God only,

who makes me to dwell in safety.

POSTLUDE

Triumphal March

From Judas Maccabaeus by G. F. Handel

Edited and arranged by Drummond S. Wolf