

Kincardine United Church

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 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

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

H. Percy Smith.

Arranged by Tedd Smith and Don Hustad

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

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to this summertime place of gathering and of witness.

We come to worship God as revealed in the risen Christ.

Open your hearts to the movement of the Spirit within.

We come to live our faith in a world of need and of opportunity.

Widen your understanding of the movement of prayer within and without.

We come to pray in mind, in body, in spirit and in action.

PRAYER OF APPROACH *(written by Rev. John Philip Newell and used with permission.)*

Let us commune with God in prayer – one with each other – in union with all of Creation:

**The peace of morning's stillness
the peace of new beginnings
the peace of heaven's kiss
to welcome us to this day
to root us in this day
to free us for this day
that we may grow with the greening earth
that we may grow from the ground of glory
that we may grow in grateful wonder of You
Gracious Giver of this day
Great Giver of this new day.
Amen.**

*VOICES UNITED 385 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

SHARING TIME The Water Walker written and illustrated by Joanne Robertson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A version of the Lord's Prayer based on Luke 11:2-5 written by John Philip Newell:

Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe.

May we know your presence here, seeking your will upon earth.

Grant all your creatures food for today and strength for our families.

Pardon our falseness as we forgive those who are untrue to us.

Do not forsake us in our need but lead us to new birth.

For the glory of life and the light of life, are yours forever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

READING A Poetic Psalm written by Rev. Walter Murray from his home in Bobcaygeon.

(Walter introduces this psalm writing: Bobcaygeon built a power dam in the 1930s which failed in the 1950s. It remains to serve walkers as a "bridge over troubled water.")

I watch the clear water flow over the dam

intended for power and light long ago.
That power not harnessed now rumbles in me –
affirming sound wisdom I'd rather not know.

I stand and I listen and can't turn it off.
The babbling parable finds its own voice
and says to the depth of my quivering soul:
"Here watching the water you now have a choice."

"Your spirit has power that flows within you;
it babbles and whispers much more you can do.
It generates courage to open your eyes
and shows you a deeper and wider world view."

"Don't you see the deep grief in the widow next door?
Don't you feel for the earth you pollute every day?
Don't you sense prejudice when new immigrants come
and wait for employment; then get little pay?"

As I stand on the dam I now feel God is near
in the hope and the courage that pulse through my heart.
Together we all are the light of the world.
The power turns on when we each play our part.

***VOICES UNITED 563** Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

BIBLE READING Matthew 14:22-33 in the New Testament

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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.**

PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION

REFLECTION "Action as Prayer"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

Hal H. Hopson

Sung by Sheryl Elliott and Pam Plagos, accompanied by Ashton Dunk and David Hamilton

MINUTE FOR MISSION Melinda Smegal

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(in unison)*

Everything we have, O God, you have given us.

Your Spirit moves and motivates us from within –

all while connecting us to one another from without.

Bless what we return to you for your mission in the world,

blessing your connected Creation through our self-giving love. Amen.

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Over My Head

Refrain: Over my head, I hear music in the air.
Over my head, I hear music in the air.
Over my head, I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.

1. When the storms of life are ragin' *(I hear music in the air.)*
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Refrain: Over my head, I hear music in the air.
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2. When the winds of strife are blowin' *(I hear music in the air.)*
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There must be a God somewhere.

Refrain: Over my head, I hear music in the air.
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3. When the tide of hate is risin' *(I hear music in the air.)*
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There must be a God somewhere.

Refrain: Over my head, I hear music in the air.
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4. When the world cries out in anguish (*I hear music in the air.*)
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When the world cries out in anguish (*I hear music in the air.*)
There must be a God somewhere.

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There must be a God somewhere.

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT #150 (*Verse 4 only*) *More Voices*

Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.

Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.

Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn...

Spirit God, be our song.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major

BWV 555

J. S. Bach