

Kincardine United Church
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 15th, 2021 10:30 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 Just As I Am Words: Charlotte Elliott, Music: Ian W. Bevell

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We acknowledge the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation:

The People of the Three Fires

known as Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomie Nations.

We further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen,
and the Chippewas of Nawash – now known as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation –
as the traditional keepers of this land.

**Our thanks compel us to live fully into our journey of reconciliation –
a seven-generation process of intentional listening and learning.**

We seek to live together in respect, friendship and peace.

**We, thus, commit ourselves to follow Jesus' calling us into the world,
loving one another as we are loved by God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Improvisation on a hymn tune Liz Coates

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come into this sacred space to worship Holy Mystery who is wholly Love.

**We come troubled by the environmental Code Red,
worried by what seems to be the beginning of a fourth wave,
uncertain we have the wisdom to juggle the complexities of life today.**

Come to worship the risen Christ who revealed we are an Easter people.

**We come longing for certainty and for reassurance,
yet we know intellectually that there can be no certainty in life.**

Come to encounter the Spirit's movement in song, in prayer and in word.

**We come to be strengthened for life's ongoing journey,
communing over the distance digitally with one another as a family of faith.**

Let us take some time to open ourselves to God in prayer:

**Loving God, may you bestow upon us the wisdom to love as Jesus loved,
to dare to perceive the risen Christ in each person we meet,
to rest in the Spirit's renewal when weary or discouraged.**

**Strengthen us to trust in the gifts you confer upon each of us –
gifts which, when combined, are greater than the sum of the parts.
Challenge us to catch your vision of peace and of wholeness. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 686** God of Grace and God of Glory

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent prayer*)

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING 1st Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-9 in the Old Testament pp. 304, 306.

¹⁰ Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹ The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

³ Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. ⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

***VOICES UNITED 376** Spirit of the Living God

BIBLE READING 1st Kings 3:10-14 from the New Testament page 306.

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴ If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

DOXOLOGY Love Is the Touch #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.

MEDITATION Wiseguy Part 1

SHARING TIME Peace Train

MEDITATION Wiseguy Part 2

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

ANTHEM My Soul Cries Out (Canticle of the Turning)
Words: Rory Cooney Music: Irish Melody Arr. Mark Hayes

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Generous God, we offer to you a portion of what you have given us:
 gifts of time, of talent and of treasure,
 gifts that care for those of us too often on the margins,
 gifts to support our partners overseas and within Canada,
 gifts that seem small, but which have large effects in Jesus' name.
 Bless what we give for your mission in the world, we pray. Amen.

***MORE VOICES** 161 I Have Called You by Your Name

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 150 MV (verse 4 only) Spirit God, Be Our Breath
 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 Peace Like a River with Amazing Grace *Traditional arr. Joel Raney*