

Kincardine United Church  
10th Sunday after Pentecost  
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**PRELUDE** Trio *Andreas Armsdorff*

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.

As we came to this land,

First Nations peoples welcomed us, sustained us and taught us.

**We did not hear them when they shared their vision.**

**In our zeal to tell them the good news of Jesus Christ,**

**we were closed to the value of their spirituality.**

We confused Western ways and culture

with the depth, breadth, length and height of the gospel of Christ.

**We imposed our civilization as a condition of accepting the gospel.**

As a result, the image of the Creator in us is twisted, blurred,

and we are not what we are meant by God to be.

**In our journey toward reconciliation, we acknowledge, this day,**

**that we gather for worship**

**on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,**

**as well as 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**

**MUSICAL INTROIT** Four Preludes, No. 1 *J. C. Kittel*

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Come! Open your hearts!

**We come to learn how to make room in our hearts  
for people, stories, and experiences we never imagined loving.**

Come! Deepen your hearts!

**We come to learn how to move beyond the surface of differences,  
to receive and to love every being that comes before us.**

Come! Let the Holy One shatter your hearts!

**We come to pray for the strength and awareness to allow brokenness, beauty, and  
wonder to break us open to the Spirit who remakes us into the living, loving Body of  
Christ. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.**

**\*MORE VOICES 154** Deep in Our Hearts

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

There are times when we ache, longing for change in our lives and in our selves.

**Our longing is for healing, for assurance that we are loved and forgiven.**

Do we look for healing through a change in our circumstance,  
for rescue from the tragedies and pitfalls of life,  
for flashy miracles and mountaintop experiences?

**We yearn for a sign of grace through a change in our environment.**

Yet, we ARE loved and transformed by God's grace.

**How can that be when it doesn't happen swiftly, immediately, right now?**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God does not necessarily repair us, but we are re-created from day to day.

**In that assurance,**

**we are ready to open ourselves to sing God's song of love,  
harmonizing through the power of the transcendent Spirit.**

Let us sing God's song of love – as Those Who Are Being Healed –  
in sure confidence and within the intimacy of silent prayer:

*(Silent Prayer)*

**SHARING TIME** – Wiping it Clean

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**, sung (*Voices United* #960):

**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** Psalm #51 from *The Message*

<sup>1-3</sup> Generous in love—God, give grace! Huge in mercy—wipe out my bad record.

Scrub away my guilt, soak out my sins in your laundry. I know how bad I've been; my sins are

staring me down. <sup>4-6</sup> You're the One I've violated, and you've seen it all, seen the full extent of my evil. You have all the facts before you; whatever you decide about me is fair. I've been out of step with you for a long time, in the wrong since before I was born. What you're after is truth from the inside out. Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life. <sup>7-15</sup> Soak me in your laundry and I'll come out clean, scrub me and I'll have a snow-white life. Tune me in to foot-tapping songs, set these once-broken bones to dancing. Don't look too close for blemishes, give me a clean bill of health. God, make a fresh start in me, shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life. Don't throw me out with the trash, or fail to breathe holiness in me. Bring me back from gray exile, put a fresh wind in my sails! Give me a job teaching rebels your ways so the lost can find their way home. Commute my death sentence, God, my salvation God, and I'll sing anthems to your life-giving ways. Unbutton my lips, dear God; I'll let loose with your praise. <sup>16-17</sup> Going through the motions doesn't please you, a flawless performance is nothing to you. I learned God-worship when my pride was shattered. Heart-shattered lives ready for love don't for a moment escape God's notice. <sup>18-19</sup> Make Zion the place you delight in, repair Jerusalem's broken-down walls. Then you'll get real worship from us, acts of worship small and large, Including all the bulls they can heave onto your altar!

**\*MORE VOICES**    **138** My Love Colours Outside the Lines

**BIBLE READING**    Ephesians 4: 1-16 from *The Message*

<sup>1-3</sup> In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

<sup>4-6</sup> You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.

<sup>7-13</sup> But that doesn't mean you should all look and speak and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ, each of us is given his own gift. The text for this is,

He climbed the high mountain,  
He captured the enemy and seized the plunder,  
He handed it all out in gifts to the people.

Is it not true that the One who climbed up also climbed down, down to the valley of earth? And the One who climbed down is the One who climbed back up, up to highest heaven. He handed out gifts above and below, filled heaven with his gifts, filled earth with his gifts. He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

<sup>14-16</sup> No prolonged infancies among us, please. We'll not tolerate babes in the woods, small children who are easy prey for predators. God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.

**DOXOLOGY** Love Is the Touch #89 MV (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** Called

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**DUET** In My Heart There is a Melody

*Elton M. Roth*

*Sung by Esther Marshall and Shirley Bieman*

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*in unison*)

**Gracious God, thank you for all the many blessings you have given us.**

**Help us to use the gifts you have so freely given us to reach out to those in need.**

**Bless what we give back to you and multiply it. Use it to touch the lives that need it in our church, community, and world. We pray this in the name of the one who knew to trust you for every need, Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 574** Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

**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** Tuba Tune

*Paul Fey*