

Kincardine United Church

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022 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

Prelude in C Major BWV 567

ascribed to J.L. Krebs.

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND (#1)

Kincardine United Church takes seriously

the commitments made to First Nations communities

through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,
especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

Therefore, we acknowledge, this day,

that we gather for worship

on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,

and 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

Prelude in A Major

J.K.F. Fischer.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Faith is a patchwork quilt:

**squares of hope alongside squares of fear,
swaths of doubt stitched to patches of awe,
vibrant joys woven together with sombre sorrows –
each square of our living creates our fabric of faith.**

Sometimes we feel that we must have it all figured out,
that our faith must be perfect and unwavering.

**God's heart, though, is expansive enough to hold each part of us –
especially our doubts, our questions and our challenges.**

God's heart is roomy enough to hold all that we are along with all that we hope to become,
transforming us for love both received and given.

Held in the infinitely loving embrace of God, we come to worship.

As we come, let us pray:

We hold ourselves ready, potter God, to be made new.

Our hope is in you, our love is modelled in Christ and our compassion is Spirit fuelled.

Enliven your stories of self-giving within us.

May we not only perceive your gifts for loving but may you push us to actively exercise them.

**Hold us together as one in community, as one in purpose and as one in listening,
in confidence and in trust we pray. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 331** The Church's One Foundation

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent prayer*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (#2)

**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 Jeremiah 1:4-10 from the Old Testament.

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But
the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

***VOICES UNITED 608** Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind

BIBLE READING Luke 13:10-17 from the New Testament.

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

MEDITATION Freedom Within and Without

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Sonata for Bassoon and Piano, First Movement: Allegro Jerome Besozzi.

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

**Loving God, you have blessed our lives in so many ways.
You have been our strength every moment of every day,
Bless our living we offer now – our all given in Jesus’ name.
With every gift, you have blessed us, so may these gifts bless the world. Amen.**

***MORE VOICES 157** I Am a Child of God

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT

Spirit God, Be Our Breath

#150 More Voices (verse 4 only)

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

Fugue in G Major BWV 557

attributed to J.S. Bach.