

Kincardine United Church  
13th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 22nd 2021 10:30 a.m.

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**PRELUDE** Amazing Grace *from Virginia Harmony arr. By Jack Schrader*

## **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** Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing  
*John W. Keith's Repository of Sacred Music*

### **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Events continue to unfold in the world while uncertainty abounds.  
Come, then, though weary from what seems like constant change,  
to find sanctuary for our souls.

**We come to immerse ourselves in God's embrace of love.**

Come into this sacred space of welcome and of wonder, preparing to listen in hope.

**We come to rediscover our purpose empowered by the Spirit.**

Come as those wounded by life's surprises, worn down by this prevailing pandemic,  
aching for relationships which restore our community of faith.

**We come to discover wholeness in new life offered by the risen Christ.**

As we recognize God's centre in our living, let us pray:

**Your covenant with us, O Christ, is that you are with us to the end of the age.**

**Renew our trust in your leading and in your teaching.**

**Encourage us to incorporate your Way into our living in challenging times.**

**Restore our daring to explore emerging avenues to live our faith.**

**Open our minds and our hearts to love in your name. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 385** Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Silent prayer*)

**SHARING TIME** A Covenant Is a Relationship for the Long Term

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and what shall be.**

**Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**BIBLE READING** 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 8:1, 6 in the Old Testament page 311.

<sup>1</sup>Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. <sup>6</sup>Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim.

**\*VOICES UNITED 18** Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

**BIBLE READING** 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 8:22-26 from the New Testament page 312.

<sup>22</sup> Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. <sup>23</sup> He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, <sup>24</sup> the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. <sup>25</sup> Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.'

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**BIBLE READING** 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 8:27-30 from the New Testament page 312.

<sup>27</sup> "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup> Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; <sup>29</sup> that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. <sup>30</sup> Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

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**BIBLE READING** 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 8:41-43 from the New Testament page 312.

<sup>41</sup> "Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name <sup>42</sup>—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, <sup>43</sup> then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

**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** A String Tied to Our Finger

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

### **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**ANTHEM** The Life of Praise Words: Phil Speary, Music: John Leavitt

*When the storm clouds gather, darkness hides the day.*

*I'll not be discouraged. You light my way.*

*Songs of hope shall fill the night, words of faith shall mark the day,*

*hymns of joy shall lift my heart; this, the life of praise.  
When your world is troubled, pain and sorrow weigh,  
Jesus still is faithful, so give him praise.*

*Songs of hope shall fill the night, words of faith shall mark the day,  
hymns of joy shall lift my heart; this the life of praise.*

*Our Lord is one who share in all our deepest woes.*

*God's spirit holds us close each time we cry.*

*His loving kindness meets us in our ev'ry weakness.*

*Thus, our soul can fly.*

*Songs of hope will fill our nights, words of faith shall mark our days,  
hymns of joy will lift our hearts; this our life of praise.*

## **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

## **OFFERING INVITATION**

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

**We offer to you, O God, these gifts of abundance and of commitment.**

**Bless them for your mission in the world to transform lives in Jesus' name.**

**Bless us that we may ever consider your mission as our mission. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 556** Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

## **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** What a Friend *Charles C. Converse arr. by Jack Schrader*