

Kincardine United Church
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 4th, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may rise in body or spirit.

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PRELUDE **Fugue in e minor BWV 555** **J.S. Bach**

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND (unison)

The land on which this building sits is land that has been walked on, hunted on, and lived on for thousands of years. It is the traditional land of the Saugeen Ojibwe Nation people and it is with humility and respect that we give thanks that we are here, in the space where we are in touch with Creator who made it and who made us. May our worship honour the relationships that are celebrated and invited here, and may we always remember the story of this land, the people who live here and the call to live with respect and thanksgiving.

Peter Chynoweth, while in Yellowknife. N.W.T.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

and also with you.

Fern Gibbard, for Okanagan Falls, U.C., Okanagan Falls, B.C.

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Jesus, Our Redeemer BWV 626 J.S. Bach

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Bill Perry, Marmora U.C., Marmora, Ont.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

When we come to this place, what are we looking for?

When we gather together, what do we hope to find?

Community?

Caring?

Christ?

When we come to this place, what are we bringing?

When we gather together, what do we hope to offer?

Our loves?

Our lives?

Ourselves?

Whatever you're looking for, whatever you bring, know this:

This is God's home, you are God's beloved, and you are welcome here.

Let us worship God!

Richard Bott, Dunbar Ryerson P.C., Vancouver, B.C.

OPENING PRAYER (responsive)

God who welcomes all, we gather together from diverse paths.

Sometimes we wander – we get lost in the rough places of our lives.

In those times, you call to us. We hear your voice and we are found.

May we create in this place a sacred home for all, those who hunger for the bread of life, the lost and the found. Hear in us our silent prayers...

Mysterious God, we are fearfully and wonderfully made. There is no part of us that you do not know.

Sometimes we want to hide from you and each other. We are afraid we won't be accepted.

But you welcome us as we are.

May this church be a place for everyone – seekers and sinners.

Hear in us our silent prayers...

God of infinite diversity, we come as unique individuals sharing common stories.

And yet our paths diverge and we live in different realities.

Sometimes we ignore the stories of others who seek a safe place. We ask them to keep their struggles to themselves and just fit in.

Teach us how to love without conditions. May we open this space to wonder and hearts to embrace all you have created.

Hear us in our silent prayers...

Joanne Anquist, McDougall U.C., Calgary Alta.

HYMN VU #271 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

O Loving God, receive our prayers.

We bring our whole lives before you today, especially our failures and our inattentiveness to your word and your ways.

(a time of silence)

We bring broken relationships with you and with family and friends.

(a time of silence)

We rejoice in the perfect colours of summer but cry out to you when we realize the destruction humans are causing to this home you have given us.

(a time of silence)

Holy God, we come to your house seeking healing for our brokenness and strength in our weakness. We ask forgiveness for the times we have chosen our path rather than yours.

(a time of silence)

Holy God, we wait for you and put our hope and trust in you. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Beth W. Johnston, Bridging Waters P.C, Nipawin, Sask.

SHARING TIME Be You by Peter H. Reynolds

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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,

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 51:10-17

Put a new heart in me, O God,

And give me again a constant spirit

Do not cast me away from your presence,

Do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and strengthen me with a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinner will return to you.

You desire not sacrifice, or I would give it,

You take no delight in burnt offerings.

The sacrifice you accept, O God, is a broken spirit,

A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

HYMN VU #371 Open My Eyes That I May See

GOSPEL READING: John 6:24-35

DOXOLOGY 236 VU (verse 3) “Now Thank We All Our God”

All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,

the Son and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,

the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;

for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

REFLECTION

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Teach us, O God, to offer the very best of who we are in the service of your will. Through the mission of this church may we offer hope, may we offer joy, may we offer reconciliation in a world so much in need.

Receive what we give for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen

Kate Crawford, Huron Shores U.C., Grand Bend, Ont.

HYMN VU #288 Great is Their Faithfulness

BENEDICTION

Julie Hutton, Minnedosa U.C., Minnedosa, Man

SONG OF COMMITMENT 161 MV (verse 4)

“I Have Called You by Your Name”

I have given you a name, it is mine;

I have given you my Spirit as a sign.

With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;

go and tell my precious people they are mine.

POSTLUDE Fugue in e minor *BWV 555* *J.S. Bach*