

# Kincardine United Church

## 9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 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**

Our Father, in Heaven BWV 636

J. S. Bach

**WELCOME**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge that we are gathered  
on the traditional territory of First Nations Peoples –

Peoples who have lived on this land and by these waters for thousands of years.

**We gather as a non-Indigenous community of faith**

**on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe Nation,**

**giving gratitude for their stewardship through the ages.**

We are newcomers to this land and we have gained so much in coming.

**Our gain, however, has come at a great cost to First Nations Peoples.**

We acknowledge that we have gained much within racist systems of our creation,  
systems which have benefitted those who are white, Christian and heterosexual.

**Our acknowledgement is only the beginning of our journey toward reconciliation,  
toward healing of all our relations with those we have belittled in this culture.**

Our words must now be followed up with action.

**We pray the Holy Spirit breathes forgiveness, hope and love**

**into all our relations and sets us free from the evil of colonialism.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT**

Our Father, in Heaven

Marcel Dupré

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

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

Come all you who have been ostracised and marginalised.

Come all you who have been indifferent in the face of racial injustice.

**We come as those reflecting on Emancipation Day through the lens of our faith.**

Come all you who have prophetically challenged racism.

Come all you who have perpetrated acts of racial injustice.

**We come as those pondering why we have been faithless to one another,  
faithless even though we are all one in Christ.**

Come all and receive rest for your weary souls.

Come to the fountain of life and receive grace upon grace as we pray:

**God who is Love, in whom we ground our being  
and who created all people in your own image and likeness,  
may the Spirit of truth refresh and renew us.**

**Fill us, we pray, with your light, your grace and your strength.**

**Delight our hearts with toxic relationships transformed  
as we work toward becoming ever more anti-racist.**

**We pray all this in the name of the one in whom there is no longer Jew or Greek,  
slave or free, male or female, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 232 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

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

### **SHARING TIME** "We're Different"

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.**

**From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south,  
Jesus loves them all so let us shout it out!**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *We Sing*

**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** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 from the New Testament page 225.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered himself faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from

one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**\*MORE VOICES**    79    Spirit, Open My Heart

**BIBLE READING**    Luke 12:32-38 from the New Testament page 75.

<sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

**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**    Emancipation is Our Liberation, Too

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS** (*Modified from the World Council of Churches, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021*)

Creator God, we bow in humble adoration of your mighty power and constant presence.

We celebrate that you have created all races and peoples equally in Your image.

**We give you thanks.**

Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, we thank, that in your death on the cross,  
you redeem all humanity bringing freedom to all who are in any way oppressed.

**We give you thanks.**

Holy Spirit, we give thanks for the ways in which today you convict us  
of racial discrimination, injustice and hatred,

and make us ministers of reconciliation, building bridges and healing wounds.

**We give you thanks.**

We are grateful that each day you are enabling us, your people,  
to recognize their rightful place in your creation.

We give thanks for people everywhere who continue the struggle for freedom,

holding those who are continually discriminated against because of their racial identity.

**We give you thanks.**

We give thanks that in the fight to end racial discrimination,

women and men have answered your call to this vocation  
and have contributed positively to this cause  
seeking to better the condition of all humanity through their talents, skills and ideas.

**We give you thanks.**

Gracious God, contrary to your divine plan,  
racism continues to be pervasive and divisive in this world.  
In many places, so many people are still considered and treated as inferior  
because of the colour of their skin.

We pray that your liberating power will set us free from racism.

**Hear, O Lord and have mercy.**

Loving God, we currently remember our sisters and brothers throughout the world  
who suffer under racist structures, legacies of the Doctrine of Discovery and colonialism.  
We pray for those who are exploited, manipulated and discriminated against,  
because of the colour of their skin.

**Hear, O Lord and have mercy.**

God of the oppressed, we call upon you to transform political and social structures  
which dehumanize your people.

May leaders of all countries be guided by your Holy Spirit  
so that all decisions made may be for the common good.

**Hear, O Lord and have mercy.**

Liberator God, we lift before you those who have suffered a painful history of African slavery.  
Remove, O God, the scars and mentality of colonialism and imperialism.

Release in them the power to fulfil their potential  
and enable them to stand in solidarity with one another  
as together we all work to ensure the end of racial discrimination wherever it exists.

**Hear, O Lord and have mercy.**

**We pray that the Holy Spirit give us the courage to confront our own biases  
opening our eyes to our positions of privilege,  
enabling us to build a just community of sisters and brothers,  
communities where each relationship is marked with treasured diversity,  
with mutual respect and with open appreciation. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

Miniature Suite for Organ - Communion

Healey Willan

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

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

**These are our gifts that wisdom may be heard and headed.  
These are our efforts to meet needs and calls for justice.  
Bless these offerings, Gracious God, and bring forth from them right relation. Amen.**

**\*MORE VOICES 176 Three Things I Promise**

**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**

Praeludium

Johann Krieger