



**Kincardine United Church
6th Sunday after Epiphany
February 16th, 2019 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

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

Voluntary II

Tomkins

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

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

Voluntary I

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LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Have you heard?

What? What did we miss?

Aaah! Human nature, you can always count on it.
Always curious, always questioning!

**Yes! There is so much we don't know,
so much to discover,
so much mystery...**

Then, as we gather together in worship,
let us open our ears,

and open our mouths!

Let us open our eyes,

and open our minds!

And most most of all, may we open our hearts
to the mystery that surrounds us all.

Let us continue responsively as we open our hearts together in prayer:

You surprise us as we come to worship, O God.

**The smile of a fellow worshipper, the feeling evoked
by a favorite hymn, remind us that we belong.**

You delight us as we come to worship, O God.

**The laughter of boys and girls, the greeting of old friends,
lifts our spirits.**

You challenge us as we come to worship, O God.

**The needs of the faith community, the needs of despairing ones
far from here, call us to action.**

Your love enfolds us as we come to worship, O God.

**Your love, compassionately clear in Jesus;
your love lifted up on a cross,
endures and will endure. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 706** Give Thanks for Life

SHARING TIME Sticks and Stones

THE LORD'S PRAYER A Paraphrase (*Voices United #916*):

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

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

HEBREW READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20
page 186 in the Old Testament

ANTHEM Servants of Almighty God

Patterson

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:21-37 from the paraphrase The Message

DOXOLOGY Bring Many Names Voices United #268 verse 6 only

**Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing,
everlasting home:**

Hail and hosanna, great, living God!

SERMON How Long Has This Been Going On?

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

A PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

Bring us together, Loving God; show us the path to reconciliation.

**Where hasty words have hurt,
bring us together in peace,
to give and accept apology.**

Bring us together, Loving God, show us the path to reconciliation.

**Where the sting of rejection has caused hard feelings,
bring us together with friendship to make a fresh start.**

Bring us together Loving God, show us the path to reconciliation.

**Where life has been smooth sailing for one and hell for another,
bring us together to listen to the stories,
and to support those sorely tested.**

Bring us together, Loving God, show us the path to reconciliation.

**Where division has split the Christian community,
bring us together with faith, to pray and to work together.**

(time of silence)

***MORE VOICES 178** Who is My Mother

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Bless these gifts, O God;

**through them the ordinary becomes sacred,
through them the trials of life may be borne,
through them the joys of life may be celebrated,
through them the fearful may be filled with hope,
through them the Good News may be proclaimed,
and the Way of Jesus honoured. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 639** One More Step Along the World I Go

BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING

You have life choices before you, as you leave this church.

**We will choose the life that is joyful and fulfilling;
we will choose the life that goes beyond the well-known borders;
we will choose the life that seeks the way of reconciliation;
we will choose the life that contributes to community;
we will choose the life that shares with generosity;
we will choose the life that is lived as a disciple of Jesus Christ.**

SONG OF COMMITMENT Gloria #37 Voices United

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Toccatta on Praise to the Lord

H.F. Micheelson

First Nations (Coast Salish) art - eagle

