



**Kincardine United Church  
7th Sunday after Epiphany  
February 24, 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** Paperless music

**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 unceded territory of the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation,  
the Saugeen Ojibwe and, more recently, the Saugeen Metis.**

**We are all Treaty people,**

**parties to the Upper Canada, Haldimand, Huron and Niagara Treaties.**

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**

**INTROIT**      Prelude

*J.C. Kittel*

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

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

From places of sorrow and from places of joy,

from places of celebration and from places of loss,

come to worship the One who embraces and heals us all.

**We come for hope and for solace, for wonder and for mystery.**

From places of confusion and from places of certainty,

from places of wisdom and from places of unknowing,

come to worship the One who strengthens and leads each one.

**We come for justice and for wholeness, for transformation and for love.**

From our diversity and from our longing, we come in prayer:

**We come to you, O God, seeking your guidance and your truth.**

**In so many aspects of our living we worry:**

**that we see those around us as “other” out of fear,**

**that we consider our selves as flawed but worthy –**

**while excluding some,**

**that we react in our woundedness to hurt others**

**without understanding.**

**Hold us within Christ’s arms of nurture and of unconditional love.**

**Open us to the Spirit’s whispers of wholeness with all people.**

**Fill our hearts with praise for you as we become. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 245 “Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”**

## **COVENANTING WITH JUDY ZARUBICK**

Judy Zarubick has long been an important part of Kincardine United Church.

She has served in many ways as part of our leadership team.

As a Recognized Designated Lay Minister, now retired,

we wish to continue our relationship with her,

affirming her skills, gifts and call with and among us.

**Let us make a covenant together with God and with each other  
as we begin this journey of leadership together.**

A covenant is a promise we make with God and with one another,

a promise to live the Way of Jesus.

May we be blessed in the making of this covenant one with each other.

**We pay attention, giving reverence to God among and within us.**

**We give thanks for the example and lasting love of Jesus the Christ,  
who shows us how to live in Spirited self-giving.**

God continues to call Judy as a Voluntary Associate Minister serving among us.

Judy, having accepted the call as our Voluntary Associate Minister

and as part of the ministry team,

are you willing to share your God-given gifts for ministry

as you work and worship within this community of faith,

and are you willing to serve as the Spirit enables you?

**I AM WILLING, GOD BEING MY HELPER.**

David and Gord, God has called you to be in team in ministry with Judy.

Will you be open to this relationship of collegiality along with Kerry,

following the guidance of the Spirit and the call of Christ,

to support one another while serving this faith community by God's love?

**WE WILL, GOD BEING OUR HELPER.**

Members of the Council of Kincardine United Church,

are you willing to share your faith, offer wise counsel,

laugh and weep together,

supporting Judy, Kerry, David and Gord in their shared ministry?

**WE ARE WILLING, GOD BEING OUR HELPER.**

People of Kincardine United Church,

you have heard the promises of Judy, David and Gord –

to which Kerry has also committed –

this ministry team who have answered God's call to service.

Let us pledge to them our love and support as we rise in body or in spirit:

**We promise to support you with love as we all try to live the Way of Jesus.**

Unified by the Spirit, led by the risen Christ, blessed by God's grace,

let us join together in A New Creed:

**\*A NEW CREED**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,  
 who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,  
 who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,  
 to live with respect in creation,  
 to love and serve others,  
 to seek justice and resist evil,  
 to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

**SHARING TIME** "How Full Is Your Bucket?"

**THE LORD'S PRAYER – A PARAPHRASE**

O Cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration!

Soften the ground of our being and carve out a space within us  
 where your presence can abide.

Fill us with your creativity,

so that we may be empowered to bear the fruit of your mission.

Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with your desire.

Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share  
 what each being needs to grow and flourish.

Untie the tangled threads of destiny that bind us,  
 as we release others from the entanglement of past mistakes.

Do not let us be seduced by that which would divert us  
 from our true purpose,

but illuminate the opportunities for the present moment.

For you are the ground and fruitful vision – the birth, power and fulfilment,  
 as all is gathered and made whole again.

May the Lord bless, protect us and bring us to the fullness of life. Amen

**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**VOICES UNITED** 763 Psalm 37 Parts 1 and 3 only

**\*VOICES UNITED** 260 "God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness"

**BIBLE READING** Luke 6:27-38 in the New Testament, page 64

**DOXOLOGY 268 VU Bring Many Names (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!

**MEDITATION** “There’s a Hole in my Bucket”

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM** Arise! Shine!

*Williams/Martin*

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

**We offer ourselves to you, O God, giving as Christ gave for new life.  
Bless what we give in time, in talent and in treasure,  
creating a world of wholeness and of connection,  
a place where all our relations affirms each one. Amen.**

**\*MORE VOICES 138 “My Love Colours Outside the Lines”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG OF COMMITMENT 37 VU Gloria**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**POSTLUDE** The Prince of Denmark’s March

*Clarke*



**AV MINISTRY TEAM** 🗣️ Dave Leaning,  
Sean-Crawford Thompson, Jim Zarubick

**COUNTERS** 💰 Bernd & Ursula Portz

**FEBRUARY HOUSE LEADERS** 🏠 Krista, Lydia & Morgan Ritchie

**MUSIC** 🎵 David Hamilton, KUC Choir

**NURSERY ATTENDANT** ♦️ Cindy Crowley

**SCRIPTURE READER** 📖 The Ritchie family

**SLIDE PRESENTATION** ♦️ Sarah MacKenzie

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER** ♦️ Catharine Crawford

**WORSHIP** 🕯️ Gord Dunbar, Kerry Stover