



**Kincardine United Church
2nd Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Prelude

J.C. Kittel

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH *(based on Psalm 22:23-31)*

Come and worship as people embraced within God's sustaining arms.

**We come in awe and in wonder because we were not abandoned,
proclaiming God's healing presence even within the struggles of life.**

Come to recognise and to celebrate the Spirit's connection through love's power.

**We come to dedicate ourselves to love's push for justice –
clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, visiting the isolated,
freeing the imprisoned, walking with the despised.**

Come to grow more deeply into the Way of Jesus.

**We come as people humbled yet called,
daring to risk Christ's courtship of transformation.**

As we come, let us pray:

God who is love, it's hard to give up total control and to live in trust.

As we continue to explore our becoming, open us to your presence.

**Guide us with wisdom, nurture us with revolutionary truths,
enliven us with joy and sustain us for your mission, we pray. Amen.**

***MORE VOICES #138** My Love Colours Outside the Lines

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

You're asking an awful lot, God, and it makes us a tad bit anxious.

You want us to surrender to you, opening our deepest selves to your gaze.

**We're anxious because so often we don't reveal such depths –
not even to ourselves, most times.**

And yet you whisper to us, "Trust me. I love you.

I want to know you from the inside out.

Nothing will ever change my love. Trust me in that love."

So here goes' God, we're plunging in and opening up. Love us, we pray.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING TIME Trust Me...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 Romans 4:13-18 from the paraphrase *The Message*

***MORE VOICES #172** God Says

BIBLE READING Mark 8:31-38 in the New Testament on page 44

GLORIA

**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.**

MEDITATION "Risking Courtship"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Lead Me Lord

S.S. Wesley

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY Prelude

Gustav Merkel

***OFFERTORY HYMN 543 VU** We Give Thee but Thine Own
We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

***OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Bless, O God, our offerings as signs of our trust.
Here we present some of our resources as well as our very selves.
Make of us – and of what we give – blessings for your mission in the world.
Amen.

***VOICES UNITED #574** Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF COMMITMENT 145 MV** Draw the Circle Wide
Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,
no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.
Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.
Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,
no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

POSTLUDE Christ Lag in Todesbanden

Bach



AV MINISTRY TEAM 🗣️ Jim Zarubick, Sean Thompson,
& Dave Leaning

COUNTERS 💰 Liz and Barry Schmidt

FEBRUARY HOUSE LEADER 🏠 Sheila Bauer

MUSIC 🎵 David Hamilton, KUC Choir

NURSERY ATTENDANT ♦️ Angela Hazlewood

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ♦️ Krista Ritchie

SCRIPTURE READER 📖 Lisa Klein-Haar

SLIDE PRESENTATION ♦️ Sarah MacKenzie

WORSHIP ✝️ Gord Dunbar