



Kincardine United Church

4th Sunday after Epiphany & Holy Humour Sunday

February 2nd, 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 Dearest Jesus

J.S. Bach

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

INTROIT Dearest Jesus

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Welcome to the first Sunday of February, the most blah month of the year.

Well, sure, the weather is never predictable –

snow then rain, winter then melt, warmth teases us just to disappear –

but surely there's a more upbeat way to welcome us to worship!

You mean in these days of overcast, it's time to cheer one another up?

Sure! It's a time to be a little bit silly, to find the irony in our earnestness.

You mean to dance and sing, to joke around and to giggle,
to find the absurd in the ordinary as well as the folly in the profound?

**Absolutely! The world is full of rainbow hues –
a vibrant reality where anything is possible
and transformation is Christ's promise.**

Then let's join in prayer, seeking God's guidance in the jest of life:

We come before you in worship, living Spirit, seeking joy.

When we despair, may you tickle our funny bones with laughter.

When we lose hope, may you wink at us with good humour's understanding.

**When we struggle to grasp the promise in Christ's death and resurrection,
may you chuckle beside us in the foolishness of the good news. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 686** God of Grace and God of Glory

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME Be Attitude

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 Micah 6:6-8 from the Old Testament page 866

***VOICES UNITED 562** Jesus Calls Us

1. **Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding saying, "Christian, follow me."**
2. **Long ago apostles heard it and they gave their heads a shake,
for the words that Jesus offered seemed a promise that was fake.**
3. **When he told them to be happy, that in sorrow they were blessed,
that's the teaching which they wrestled
and that left them full distressed.**
4. **In our world of reasoned thinking it still doesn't make much sense,
but the sound of God's soft chuckles puts to test our common sense.**
5. **Jesus calls us ever onward so in "foolishness" we live,
that we find our hearts compelled to relish mirth in faith we give.**

BIBLE READING Matthew 5:1-12 from the New Testament page 4

DOXOLOGY Bring Many Names #268 Voices United 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 Fools for Christ

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM We Will Walk in the Light

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

We offer you these gifts to be used in Christ's name.

May you bless them as signs of connecting joy –

**joy arising out of suffering, joy which transforms unexpectedly –
that your reign may live as we follow as fools for you. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 560** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1. O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
teach me thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Holy is humour in our fear, giving release we treasure dear,
fostering depth in walking your Way so by your side we ever will stay.
3. When laughter's shared, we join as one –
community that's rooted in fun.
Pain is transformed through our suffering – your joy arises as offering.
4. Your hope sends us a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

BENEDICTION**SONG OF COMMITMENT** Gloria #37 Voices United

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Prelude in F major

J.S. Bach