

Kincardine United Church
6th Sunday after Epiphany
February 6, 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 Trio Andreas Armsdorff

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 Pastorella F. W. Marpurg

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come, you who seek understanding, who yearn for wholeness.

We come as we are:

broken, whole, sick, well, satisfied or longing for more.

Come to listen as God has listened to each of our hearts.

We come to grow, ready to be made ready,

eager to discover Jesus' model for self-giving love rooted in humility.

Come to pray in conversation with God:

God of transformation, we are parched for your good news.

May we long for your word which quenches our thirst for your purpose.

May we stretch out our souls to be nourished by your blessing of love.

May we unfurl our clenched, fearful hearts as we grow into your wisdom.

May we sing of your persistent call into the Way of Jesus. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 562** Jesus Calls Us

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,

may your name be made holy, may your dominion come,

may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today the bread we need;

and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors;

and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.

For yours is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Jeremiah 17:5-10 in the Old Testament page 719

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals

and make mere flesh their strength,

whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,

and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,

in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,

whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,

sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,

and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

***VOICES UNITED 221** Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

BIBLE READING Luke 6:17-26 from the New Testament page 64

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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 Drinking Deeply

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

CHOIR ANTHEM Psalm of Quietness Words and music by John F. Wilson.
Arranged by Jack Schrader
How quiet is the night, how pleasant is the day;

*In the midst of the rush, there's a calm and peaceful hush that comes my way.
 It's the presence of the Lord – I feel his holy power –
 day and night, every moment, every hour.
 How quiet is the night, how pleasant is the day;
 In the midst of the rush, there's a calm and peaceful hush that comes my way.
 It's the presence of the Lord – I feel his holy power –
 day and night, every moment, every hour.
 What a peaceful feeling comes upon me - when I kneel before my Lord and Saviour.
 In the midst of all my busy day's activity,
 I can know the very presence, the presence of the Lord.
 How quiet is the night, how pleasant is the day;
 In the midst of the rush, there's a calm and peaceful hush that comes my way.
 It's the presence of the Lord – I feel his holy power –
 day and night, every moment, every hour.
 Be still and know that I am God.
 Be still and know that I am God.
 It's the presence of the Lord – I feel his holy power –
 day and night, every moment, every hour.
 Day and night, every moment, every hour.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

In this time of prayer, loving God, we seek your blessing.

**May our donations of treasure be blessed for your work
 of loving one another across divides to gather us as one.**

**May our donations of our selves be blessed in our perceiving one another
 as worthy of companionship in life's journeying.**

May our donations of faithfulness be blessed in Jesus' strong name. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 655** All My Hope on God Is Founded

PRAYER OF BLESSING

O Living, Disturbing God,

let us go in peace with you,

to disrupt those who are comfortable,

to comfort those who mourn,

and to walk alongside those who suffer various forms of racism.

Now receive the blessing of God all-loving;

our Mother-God who holds us in our pain of growing awareness,

our Brother-God, Jesus the Christ, who gives us courage to become anti-racist,

and Spirit-God who lovingly binds us together in all that is free and liberated.

Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT Gloria # 37 *Voices United*

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Concerto on Praise to The Lord, The Almighty Paul Fey