



**Kincardine United Church
Transfiguration Sunday
February 14, 2021 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 Pavana

William Byrd

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and of their spirituality.

We begin our worship this morning by acknowledging the unceded territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.

We are all Treaty people, parties to Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836.

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

MUSICAL INTROIT Voluntary

John Stanley

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

The days continue to grow longer, bringing ever more light into our lives.

We yearn for that light when we feel so isolated and so alone in lock down.

Come to discover the light which flourishes within,

the light of Christ that enlivens our living even when we feel abandoned.

We come in gratitude for that lightness of being when carrying life's burdens.

Come as we open ourselves to the transformative power of God's love.

**We ready ourselves to blend the light with the dark, the sad with the joyful,
the weary with the exuberant, the empty void with the abundance of faith.**

Come as we enter into God's heart in prayer:

Loving God, strengthen us for this continuing marathon of pandemic living.

Open our hearts fully through compassion for one another even as we hurt.

Fill our souls with your presence that we might mature in Jesus' Way.

Inspire us by your Spirit to face the challenges of each new day. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 264** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME "My Valentine for Jesus"

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 Mark 9:2-9 in the New Testament page 69.

***VOICES UNITED 104** We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

BIBLE READING 2nd Corinthians 4:3-6 from the New Testament page 180.

DOXOLOGY NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD #236 VU (verse 3 only)

All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,

the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,

the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;

for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

MEDITATION Transparent Shining

GOD INVITES US TO TABLE

INVITATION

Come to this table you who seek for community and long for becoming.

Even me? Even with my failings and my foibles?

Everyone is welcome no matter who you fear others perceive you to be,
no matter the person you believe you hide inside,
no matter how flawed you might consider yourself to be.

Why would I want to come to a table that would welcome *me*?

Come because we can truly join one with each other,
learning how the living Christ perceives us in love.

Feed me, then, with God's transfiguring love.

I come to this table in hopeful anticipation.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God.

Let us give God our thanks and praise.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

We come to this table to be transfigured in faith.

God's light shines amongst us in ways and through people
both surprising and ordinary.

In the breath of Creation,

God speaks life by calling light into being.

In the leadership of broken and failed people,
we find God's light reflected as blessing:

In Abraham the wanderer and in Sarah the scoffer,

in Moses the murderer and in Miriam the liar,

in Isaac the short-sighted and in Jacob the deceiver,

in Naomi the conniver and in Ruth the seducer,

in Elijah the depressed and in Elisha the uncertain,

in Hosea the wimp and in Gomer the prostitute,

in Judas the betrayer and in Peter the denier.

In all those we would perceive as unworthy or unsuited,

God's light shone forth, transforming and renewing, guiding and persuading.

God's light shone, and yet we too often turn away,

blinded by our own passions and by our own wants.

**God, though, wasn't done with us, for Jesus came, the Light of the world,
to reconcile and make new once more.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FRACTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Even in the scorn of his society's powerful ones,

even under the lash and beatings of frightened leaders,

even upon the cruel cross of humiliation and death,

Jesus' light shines still among us:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT'S TRANSFORMATION

Come, O Spirit, and enlighten what we say and do here.
 Open our minds to the reality of your brilliance within.
 Open our hearts to the warmth of your fire of faith.
 Open our arms to each other's gifts as we gather digitally at table.
 Open us all to the blaze of passionate self-giving love. Amen.

PARTAKING

*Please take your bread and beverage you have prepared and partake.
 If you have others with you, serve one another in love.
 As you partake, remember the Way of Jesus as our own path of becoming.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us join once more in prayer:
**Now we are fed that we may never be hungry.
 Now thirst is quenched that we may never be thirsty.
 May you bless us as we move from your table, O Christ,
 filling us with your radiant light,
 that we may reflect your will and your wonder in the world. Amen.**

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Great, Great Morning *Paul Williams and Joseph M. Martin*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(in unison)*

Generous God, transform what we offer this morning for your mission.
 Transfigure us in our giving
 that we might know your joyful Spirit through the gift of practice.
 Inspire us to live into your abundance in Jesus' strong name. Amen.

*VOICES UNITED 575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 37 "Gloria"

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

POSTLUDE Concerto on "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"

Paul Fey