

Kincardine United Church

1st Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023 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 Andante and Allegro Sandy Feldstein and John O'Reilly

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We acknowledge the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation:

The People of the Three Fires

known as Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomie Nations.

We further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen, and the Chippewas of Nawash –
now known as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation –
as the traditional keepers of this land.

**Our thanks compel us to live fully into our journey of reconciliation –
a seven-generation process of intentional listening and learning.**

We seek to live together in respect, friendship and peace.

**We, thus, commit ourselves to follow Jesus' calling us into the world,
loving one another as we are loved by God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Allelujah Mozart. Arr. by Albert Morris

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come into this space created to celebrate God who is Love.

We come to be blessed by God who is Love.

Come to gather with people here in person or joining digitally –
a sharing which fosters loving relations.

**We come blessed by one another,
becoming ever more a community of faith through the Spirit's weaving.**

Come as we pray:

**God, our constant companion throughout life,
enflame our souls with your passion for loving relationships.**

**On this first Sunday of Lent,
we usually turn our attention to our perceived failings,
to contemplating how to turn back to you.**

Instead, risen Christ, help us to soak in your Original Blessing.

**Open us to the joy and the wholeness we discover in a life of faith –
all while we find meaning and purpose in community. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED #559** Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

SHARING TIME I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and what shall be.**

**Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 in the Old Testament

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." **3** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

***MORE VOICES #138**

My Love Colours Outside the Lines

BIBLE READING Matthew 4:1-11 in the New Testament

⁴ ¹⁻³ Next Jesus was taken into the wild by the Spirit for the Test. The Devil was ready to give it. Jesus prepared for the Test by fasting forty days and forty nights. That left him, of course, in a state of extreme hunger, which the Devil took advantage of in the first test: "Since you are God's Son, speak the word that will turn these stones into loaves of bread."

⁴ Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy: "It takes more than bread to stay alive. It takes a steady stream of words from God's mouth."

⁵⁻⁶ For the second test the Devil took him to the Holy City. He sat him on top of the Temple and said, "Since you are God's Son, jump." The Devil goaded him by quoting Psalm 91: "He has placed you in the care of angels. They will catch you so that you won't so much as stub your toe on a stone."

⁷ Jesus countered with another citation from Deuteronomy: "Don't you dare test the Lord your God."

⁸⁻⁹ For the third test, the Devil took him to the peak of a huge mountain. He gestured expansively, pointing out all the earth's kingdoms, how glorious they all were. Then he said, "They're yours—lock, stock, and barrel. Just go down on your knees and worship me, and they're yours."

¹⁰ Jesus' refusal was curt: "Beat it, Satan!" He backed his rebuke with a third quotation from Deuteronomy: "Worship the Lord your God, and only him. Serve him with absolute single-heartedness."

¹¹ The Test was over. The Devil left. And in his place, angels! Angels came and took care of Jesus' needs.

DOXOLOGY #89 More Voices (verse 4 only)

**Love is the Maker and Spirit and son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod;
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

PRAYER BEFORE MEDITATION

MEDITATION Gesundheit!

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Lead Me Lord

S. S. Wesley

CELEBRATING K.U.C.I.E. AND DON EYRE

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

You have blessed us over and over again, O God.

May what we offer today – and each day –

 be blessed by you for your mission in the world.

May your blessing seep into our souls as refreshment and as motivation,
 we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 356** Seek Ye First the Kingdom

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT #662 Voices United Lead Me, God

 Lead me, God,

 lead me in your righteousness;

 make your way plain before my face.

 For it is you, and you, God only,

 who makes me to dwell in safety.

POSTLUDE

 African Marching Song

 Arr. John O'Rielly