

Kincardine United Church  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
February 5, 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** Tiento Del Primero Tono

Antonio De Cabezon

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

For thousands of years, First Nations peoples have walked this land,  
weaving their identity and their spirituality intimately with the land.

**European colonisation came about in large part**

**because of the Doctrine of Discovery,**

**a flawed understanding that ignores Indigenous presence on the land.**

Affirming the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

and, therefore, repudiating the wrong of such a doctrine,

we begin our worship this morning by acknowledging

the traditional 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

Prelude

G. Merkel

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come to this place, a place where God listens!

**We come to listen and to learn in Jesus' name.**

Come as you are.

**We come as sick or well, as satisfied or with deep longings.**

Come to sing.

**We come to cry and to lament.**

Come to hear.

**We come to open our hearts to faith seeking understanding.**

Come and be ready.

**We come to be made ready, for we are here now.**

God is here always – surrounding us, gathering us, strengthening us and enlivening us.

Let us, then, commune with God in prayer:

**Loving, living God, at this beginning of Black History Month we wonder:**

**how is it just one month instead of each day?**

**why do we have to keep focusing on what we feel helpless to change?**

**what does the good news – the gospel – have to do with issues like this?**

*(silent prayer)*

**In our wondering, disruptive Jesus,**

**may the Spirit so flow within, through and around us**

**that we become ever more followers of your Way –**

**the Way of self-giving Love.**

**In today's worship, transform us, we pray. Amen.**

\*VOICES UNITED #642 Be Thou My Vision

### SHARING TIME

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sing together)*

**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** Matthew 5:16 in the New Testament

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

**\*VOICES UNITED #614** In Suffering Love

**BIBLE READING** 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:1-10 in the New Testament from *The Message*

<sup>1-2</sup> You’ll remember, friends, that when I first came to you to let you in on God’s sheer genius, I didn’t try to impress you with polished speeches and the latest philosophy. I deliberately kept it plain and simple: first Jesus and who he is; then Jesus and what he did—Jesus crucified. <sup>3-5</sup> I was unsure of how to go about this, and felt totally inadequate—I was scared to death, if you want the truth of it—and so nothing I said could have impressed you or anyone else. But the Message came through anyway. God’s Spirit and God’s power did it, which made it clear that your life of faith is a response to God’s power, not to some fancy mental or emotional footwork by me or anyone else. <sup>6-10</sup> We, of course, have plenty of wisdom to pass on to you once you get your feet on firm spiritual ground, but it’s not popular wisdom, the fashionable wisdom of high-priced experts that will be out-of-date in a year or so. God’s wisdom is something mysterious that goes deep into the interior of his purposes. You don’t find it lying around on the surface. It’s not the latest message, but more like the oldest—what God determined as the way to bring out his best in us, long before we ever arrived on the scene. The experts of our day haven’t a clue about what this eternal plan is. If they had, they wouldn’t have killed the Master of the God-designed life on a cross.

**DOXOLOGY #321** Voices United (verse 4 only)

**Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,  
let all on earth below record and dwell upon your love.  
When heaven and earth have fled before your glorious face,  
may all the saints you love has made sing everlasting praise.**

**PRAYER BEFORE MEDITATION**

**MEDITATION** Secret Sauce

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**ANTHEM** Arise! Shine!

Words by J. Paul Williams; Music by Joseph M. Martin

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)**

**We bring our gifts of time, of talent and of treasure, God of Love.**

**Take what we give of our very selves to transform us:**

**blessing us to actively learn and to carefully listen,**

**blessing us to embrace opportunities to become anti-racist,**

**blessing us to lean into Jesus' call to love ALL people. Amen.**

**\*VOICE UNITED 639 One More Step Along the World I Go**

**BENEDICTION**

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

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

**POSTLUDE** The Emperor's Fanfare

A. Soler; arranged by E. P. Biggs