

Kincardine United Church
1st Sunday of Black History Month
5th 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 Vater Unser Im Himmelreich BWV 636 J.S. Bach

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We are privileged to live on this land that originally was inhabited by the Saugeen Ojibwa and Odawa peoples who, in faith, signed treaty 45 ½ in 1936. This treaty had the Saugeen Ojibwa and Odawa people surrender 1.5 million acres of prime land, and agree to move to either Manitoulin Island or up to their territory north of Owen Sound, where houses would be built for them.

They were also promised assistance to not only become civilized (the word actually used in the treaty) but assistance to cultivate the land, and that they would be forever protected from encroachment by the settlers.

This treaty was not only broken but did not honour the wisdom or culture of the Ojibwa and Odawa peoples.

It is time for us, through intentional listening and learning, to not only build trust but to build a respectful, friendly, peaceful relationship with the Saugeen Nation, our relations. This will be a seven generational process and requires patience and intention. May it be so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all.....

And also with you.

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Vater Unser Im Himmerlreich *Marcel Dupré*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *By Charmain Bailey*

CALL TO WORSHIP *By Charmain Bailey*

We come to worship today determined to follow the Christ
who calls us to a new understanding of fishing.

We come to worship with open hearts and minds
and a soul ablaze for justice and equality.

We come to meet God and each other.

Let us worship in love and understanding.

OPENING PRAYER *By Charmain Bailey*

God of love, as we gather,

We ask you to come to us now as your Son came to those first disciples on the lakeshore, calling them into a Beloved Community of love and justice. We pray for your Spirit's presence calling us to the same. Speak your peace and understanding to our hearts. Reveal yourself to us as we seek ways to sincerely worship together. May our celebration bring a new sense of unity, binding us together in your love, amen.

***VOICES UNITED** 82 "A Light Is Gleaming"

ASSURANCE OF GRACE from Psalm 138

PRAYER OF CONFESSION adapted from a prayer by *Alydia Smith*

Bright Shining Christ, there is much for Black and Brown bodies to dread, here, in Canada. The trauma of the transatlantic slave trade and treatment of the Indigenous peoples lives in our bodies. The legacy of enslavement and genocide lives in our systems.

But the thin gospel of oppression could die in our worship,
if we choose to shine bravely, reflecting your glory,
if we choose to reject the lies of racism and White supremacy,
if we choose to dance...

make music ...

share pain ...

spread joy ...

wake up and be magic.

We can choose to fight for a better society,

We can remember that

we are all of the earth and of the stardust,
we are precious, loved, and called to shine bright,
like the stars we are made of and the son that we follow.
Help us to make good choices.
Help us to shine brightly. Amen.

SHARING TIME - When We Were Alone *by David A. Robertson and Julie Flett*

THE LORD'S PRAYER, sung (*Voices United* #960):

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 1 Peter 1:3-9 from The Message

A New Life ³⁻⁵What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole.

⁶⁻⁷ I know how great this makes you feel, even though you have to put up with every kind of aggravation in the meantime. Pure gold put in the fire comes out of it proved pure; genuine faith put through this suffering comes out proved genuine. When Jesus wraps this all up, it's your faith, not your gold, that God will have on display as evidence of his victory.

⁸⁻⁹ You never saw him, yet you love him. You still don't see him, yet you trust him—with laughter and singing. Because you kept on believing, you'll get what you're looking forward to: total salvation.

***MORE VOICES** 154 Deep In Our Hearts

BIBLE READING Luke 5:1-11 NRSV

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, **2** he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. **4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." **5** Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." **6** When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. **7** So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. **8** But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" **9** For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; **10** and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." **11** When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

ANTHEM Open My Eyes *Clara H. Scott* *Arr. Hal Hopson*

COMMUNITY PRAYERS a prayer by Alydia Smith

God of peace,

give us the courage, strength and perseverance needed,
to challenge the systems of racism,
so that we can clear a path for your justice, peace, and equity.

We believe racism is present

in our society and in our church,

and throughout time has manifested itself in many forms and in varying degrees.

We know racism is alive

in our language and in our structures,

and through our systems it actively works to deconstruct your glorious design,
blocking the path to justice, equity, and peace that Jesus brings.

Racism exists, and it challenges the gospel message that we cry.

We cry abundant life for all,

knowing that we are slowly being suffocated by the pervasive evil of racism:

 some of us are choking;

 some of us cannot breathe;

 some of us are dead.

We cry peace,

knowing that we are the instruments of God's peace

and that such peace cannot exist without justice, equity, compassion, and God's grace.

We cry Emmanuel, God with us,

knowing that to God, every life matters—God is with all people—

even though as a community and as a society

we have stated through our actions that some lives matter more than others.

Compassionate One,

Help us to understand how racism finds life in our hearts and in our cries.

In this time of tense anticipation,

may we commit ourselves to be people of your way

crying and creating a path for justice, equity, and peace

for all people in this wilderness of hatred and racism.

Amen.

MORE VOICES 1 Let Us Build a House

MISSION AND SERVICE "Lesser Evils"

OFFERING INVITATION

***OFFERING PRAYER** (in unison)

Grant us the blessing, God:

of gifts generously given,

of time generously made available,
of abilities generously shared,
in your loving and challenging service.

***VOICES UNITED** 586 "We Shall Go Out in Hope of Resurrection"

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF COMMITMENT** Gloria # 37 Voices United
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Vater Unser Im Himmelreich *G.P. Telemann*