



Kincardine United Church

Baptism of Jesus

January 12, 2019 10:30 a.m.

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

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 Liturgical Prelude I

G. Oldroyd

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

INTROIT Liturgical Prelude II

G. Oldroyd

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

We come to worship in a year still new and still yet to unfold.

**We come uncertain what the year will reveal,
 worried by our fears yet encouraged by our hopes.**

We come with fading determination to make changes, to do better.

**It can be exhausting to seek to do what is right and just,
 so, we come for inspiration in our quest to follow in faith.**

Needing that guiding inspiration, we join in prayer:

**Loving God, as your people of hope and of transformation,
 we dream of helping to create a world that breathes possibility.**

Whisper to us encouragement and strength:

**encouragement to rise out of the waters of our baptism renewed,
 strength to persevere throughout life's challenges with love.**

**May we become the soil within which your seeds of possibility flourish,
 further sowing seeds of transformation in Christ's name. Amen.**

VOICES UNITED 82 A Light is Gleaming

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Transforming God, we open our hearts fully to your heart.

In our opening, all our brokenness, all our failures, all our regrets –
 everything that harms us and stunts our growing in love –
 we offer to you.

Hold your mirror of love up so we may reflect on a different path,
 a path of wholeness and of healing as we pray in silence.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING TIME Washing Up

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 Isaiah 42:1-9 from the paraphrase *The Message*

***VOICES UNITED 100** When Jesus Comes to Be Baptised

BIBLE READING Matthew 3:13-17 from the New Testament page 3

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 Is It Right?

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Take Me to the Water

OFFERING INVITATION

INTRODUCTION TO RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL FAITH

God blesses all of us.

We are blessed and that is so amazing!

God blesses the most unlikely people.

We are blessed even when we're not at our best.

God blesses those we like and those we do not.

We are blessed in our daring to love *all* people.

In baptism, we are blessed.

By water and the Spirit,

we are blessed as God's own people in community.

Today, we renew the blessing of baptism.

We are reminded that we are not alone.

We belong as part of a greater whole, enlivened by Christ within.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL FAITH AND OFFERING

You are invited to come forward to the baptismal font using the centre aisle.

Remember that you are God's beloved as a cross is traced on your forehead.

Return to your seat using the side aisles.

Please feel free to join in the following chant as others come to the font:

MORE VOICES 85 Take, O Take Me as I Am

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

***VOICES UNITED 710** Shall We Gather at the River

***BENEDICTION**

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

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE The Emperor's Fanfare

Soler/Biggs