



**Kincardine United Church  
2nd Sunday after Epiphany  
January 19, 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** O Hail This Brightest Day

*J.S. Bach*

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.

**As we came to this land,**

**First Nations peoples welcomed us, sustained us and taught us.**

**We did not hear them when they shared their vision.**

In our zeal to tell them the good news of Jesus Christ,

we were closed to the value of their spirituality.

**We confused Western ways and culture**

**with the depth, breadth, length and height of the gospel of Christ.**

**We imposed our civilization as a condition of accepting the gospel.**

As a result, the image of the Creator in us is twisted, blurred,

and we are not what we are meant by God to be.

**In our journey toward reconciliation, we acknowledge, this day,**

**that we gather for worship**

**on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,**

**and the other Indigenous peoples who preceded them –**

**the original nations of this land – and we acknowledge,**

**with respect, their history, their spirituality, and their culture.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

#### **GOD GATHERS US**

**INTROIT** Le Vermeil Du Soleil

*Alexandre Boëly*

### **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Do you feel like you're just going through the motions?

Do you feel like you can't make a difference in the world so what's the use of trying?

**If I don't feel that way, I know lots of people who feel that way too often.**

Did you know that the living Christ invites you to discover a different Way?

Did you realise that none of us are supposed to do it all by ourselves?

**If you're hinting that there are ways we can work together,**

**that we can embrace attitudes of co-operation and of collaboration,**

**how can we do that when we regularly disagree?**

Accept the invitation. Dare to try.

Risk changing your perception of what's possible,

then open yourselves in the intimacy of prayer to build a relationship of faith:

**Loving God, who risks invitation, who dares to encourage,**

**who comes personally to challenge how we've always done things,**

**open our hearts to your invitation,**

**to your daring riskiness, to our challenge as your promise.**

**Show us Christ's Way that affirms each of us,**

**weaving our individual threads into a tapestry of beautiful possibility.**

**Strengthen us for this journey of discovery and of becoming, we pray. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 87 I Am the Light of the World**

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*(Silent Prayer)*

**SHARING TIME** Puzzling It Out Together

**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** Isaiah 49:1-7 from the paraphrase *The Message*

**\*MORE VOICES** 88 Over My Head

**BIBLE READING** 1st Corinthians 1:1-9 from the New Testament page 165

**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** Speaking in Tongues?

**GOD INVITES US TO TABLE****INVITATION**

We come from diverse contexts with a wide variety of perspectives,  
**yet the risen Christ invites each one of us to this table of promise.**  
 We come even though there are many times we disagree or dispute,  
**yet we are united as one by the expansive invitation Christ extends.**  
 Seeker or certain, young or old, scholarly or street, out or hidden –  
**we accept the invitation for all to partake at this table.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift our hearts up to God.**

Give God your thanks and praise.

**It is right to give God our thanks and our praise.**

Why is it right?

**Because God is always with us – and has always been with us –**

**no matter the difficult challenges in life, or the joyful celebrations in life.**

You mean God's Creation is a gift of possibility in all that is, spoken into being?

**We also feel God's "what if" in the relationships we have with others,  
 in the interdependence and the interconnections alive in Creation.**

Are you remembering the examples of faith's great cloud of witnesses –  
like Abraham and Sarah, or Moses and Miriam, or Ruth and Naomi?

**We also think of people who live their close faith in and through Christ –  
like Jean Vanier and the many and varied L'Arche volunteers,  
or the staff and the volunteers of the Huron Shores Hospice,  
or the people of this family of faith who,  
without fanfare or the need for praise,  
give themselves in love to one another.**

Are you remembering the ancient prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah or Amos,  
all who proclaimed a message of God's grace for ALL people,  
not just those with privilege, power or military might?

**We also remember youthful prophets  
who challenge those of us who are too complacent and too comfortable,  
prophets like Swedish Greta Thunberg and Indigenous Autumn Peltier.**

### **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

In our remembering, we lift to you, O God,  
the names and the circumstances of those we love,  
praying in the silence for your guiding and sustaining presence in their lives.  
*(Silent prayer)*

In our connections locally, nationally and internationally, we lift to you, O Christ,  
the events and the people living within them that touch our hearts,  
praying in the silence for your healing presence to transform.  
*(Silent prayer)*

In our interdependence with both foe and friend, O Spirit,  
we lift to you our very selves and the decisions we make,  
praying in the silence for your wisdom, your patience and your grace.  
*(Silent prayer)*

Take all our prayers and weave them into our souls by your self-giving,  
**that we may find our identity ever more closely woven into your heart,  
crafting our living in the image of Jesus' self-giving.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FRACTION**

#### **PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT'S BLESSING**

Let us pray as one body united in Christ:

**Bless, O Spirit, our partaking at this common and open table  
as sign and symbol of our unity in and through Christ.  
May our communion here as a family of faith so transform us  
that our lives continue to be a witness to love freely given and received.  
Amen.**

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

*Communion will be served at the front of the church.*

*The greeters will direct you forward using the centre aisle to receive the bread,  
to receive the small glass of grape juice,  
and to prayerfully partake of each in turn.*

*Please return to your seat using the side aisles.*

**Gluten-free crackers are available separately from the bread.**

*Please let a greeter know if you wish to be served in your seat.*

*An appropriate response when receiving the bread or grape juice is "Amen."*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray:

**Living Christ, who unites us and equips us,  
 may what we have received fuel the fire of faith within us,  
 strengthening us to face adversity with grace and understanding,  
 enabling us to be your disciples of joy-filled love. Amen.**

### **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM** Praise the Lord

*Hal Hopson*

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

**God of invitation and of challenge, this is our reply to your gift of love.**

**Bless us in our generosity of time, of talent and of treasure.**

**Take these gifts offered at the Spirit's urging,**

**multiplying them in Christ's name,**

**transforming the world and us through each act of love. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 567 Will You Come and Follow Me**

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

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

**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE** Be Thou My Vision

*Jack Shrader*