



Kincardine United Church
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 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 Three Chorale Preludes

J.S. Bach

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 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 Seigneur Dieu Ouvre La Porte

Alexandre Boëly

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Do you think anyone knows we are here?

Did you tell anyone? Did you let it “slip?”

What do you mean? We’re here, aren’t we? Isn’t that enough?

Is this all, then, just routine, becoming the best-kept secret in town?

Come on, now! We aren’t keeping this a secret.

People who know us understand, don’t you think?

Then let us come in joyful assembly to worship God in prayer:

Living Christ, Light of the World, our companion and sustainer,

we come to be enlightened and empowered, assured and inspired.

You call us to share your Good News with others.

Provide us with the words and the courage to share with discernment.

Open us to appropriate moments which suit such sharing.

Make us bolder and braver apostles of your Way in the world. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED** 331 The Church’s One Foundation

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Silent Prayer)*

SHARING TIME All Wrapped Up

THE LORD’S PRAYER

God within us, God beyond us, God among us,

may the Mystery always be named and known

among all peoples and in all times.

May Creation give way to the rule of love and the power of life.

Satisfy our hunger, granting us a hunger to see the whole world fed.

Restore us to right relationship

with you, with Creation, with others, with ourselves.

Strengthen us to reject all that would lead us away from you.

Come to us when we choose death over life.
 Give us courage to follow your call in this moment.
 For in your love we find the only power,
 the only home, the only honour we will ever need,
 in this life and the life to come. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Isaiah 9:1-4 from the paraphrase *The Message*

***VOICES UNITED 500** Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

BIBLE READING 1st Corinthians 1:10-18 from the New Testament page 166

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 Feel the Burn!

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Sing, Sing Out!

Jim Hannah

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

What we offer this morning, loving God,
 are tokens of the riches you have given us.
 Receive these tokens of our witness to your love and bless them, we pray.
 May they inspire love in the places forgotten.
 May they encourage where confidence has been broken.
 May they be instruments of good for the world. Amen.

***MORE VOICES 176** Three Things I Promise

***BENEDICTION**

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

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE With Sweet Rejoicing

D. Buxtehude