



**Kincardine United Church
3rd Sunday after Epiphany & Communion
January 27, 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

D. Buxtehude

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 more recently the Saugeen Metis,
as well as 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 Christ, My Life

F. W. Marpurg

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

We are one.

We are many.

We are one in the Spirit.

We are different.

We are one in the kin-dom of God.

We are unique.

We are one in the body of Christ.

Even with our differences?

Especially in our diversity.

Jesus invites us to the table; God invites us home.

As we accept that gracious invitation, we come in prayer:

**We come, O God, as families and neighbours,
friends and acquaintances,**

each one an important part of this community of faith.

We come to rejoice with each other in our joys

while suffering with one another in our sorrows.

We come to worship in Spirit and in truth. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 402** "We Are One"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Sometimes when we pray in confession,

we feel like we have been called into the principal's office.

We worry, O God, that you will judge us and find us wanting.
 Instead, you gather us into your embrace,
 you hold us tightly and tenderly,
 you whisper into our ear, "What's troubling you?
 How may I heal the cuts and bruises of life?"
 We breathe deeply as we ponder your words of invitation to us.
 Now, relaxed, we let go and give it all to you in prayer.
 (*Silent Prayer*)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING TIME "Standing Alone"

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

MASH UP BETWEEN MORE VOICES 157 "I Am a Child of God"
 and BIBLE READING Luke 4:14-21 in the New Testament

BIBLE READING 1st Corinthians 12:12-31
 from the paraphrase *The Message*

DOXOLOGY 268 VU Bring Many Names (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 "Setting the Table"

GOD INVITED US TO TABLE

INVITATION

Jesus invites us to this table – his table – unconditionally.
 Everyone is welcome, so come and partake by embracing disruption in our living.
At Jesus' invitation, our wariness is disrupted
 which opens us all to deep loving –
 loving in communion and through possibility.
 As we engage divine possibility, we enter more deeply into mystery.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for disruption which transforms.

Whether it is the Spirit's movement through chaos breathing life into creation,
or a rainbow promise to a drowning world.

**Whether it is the Spirit commanding Abraham and Sarah
to pack up everything and move to a foreign land,
or a burning bush preparing Moses for liberation
as Miriam later danced in celebration.**

Whether it is the Spirit calling Samuel from within the velvet dark,
or Ruth proclaiming devotion to her mother-in-law, Naomi.

**Whether it is the Spirit accompanying Elijah through his depression,
or the desperate single mom with her young son at her side
feeding Elijah their last morsels of food.**

Transformative disruption nourishes our souls with mystery,
inviting us to give of ourselves in love.

So many times we have turned down God's disruptive invitation.

In response, God sent Jesus as personal invitation.

Jesus disrupted the privileged and the powerful by loving them.

Jesus disrupted the poor and the marginalized by loving them.

Jesus disrupts us every day by loving us at table.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FRACTION

PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT'S BLESSING AND COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Loving Spirit, bless these loaves and these cups

that we might be sustained by their loving disruption.

**Bless us that we might become agents of your disruption,
embracing your mystery while living in self-giving love.**

As we give of ourselves in response to your invitation,

we lift to you those among us for whom we pray,

whether within our hearts or aloud for all to hear: *(Silent prayer)*

DISTRIBUTION

Communion will be served at the front of the church.

*The ushers will direct you forward using the centre aisle to receive the bread,
to receive the small glass of grape juice, to prayerfully partake of each,
and to return to your seat using the side aisles.*

Gluten-free crackers are available separately from the bread.

Please let an usher 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

Having gathered around the table and been deeply fed,
let us join together once more in prayer:

**In partaking of your sacrament of communion, O Christ,
we have seen the abundance of your self-giving,
we have heard the words of grace by which you bless us,
and our hearts have found their home within your heart –
conceived within the mystery of faith.**

**Disruptive Spirit, bless what we have said and done here,
that in partaking we come to know the mind of God
as we open ourselves to the mind of Christ.**

**Send us from this table filled with the winds of God,
actively living your resurrection hope. Amen.**

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM This Do in Remembrance of Me

J. Hunnicutt

OFFERING INVITATION**OFFERING PRAYER**

Many hands worked to offer our gifts
and many hands are offered for your work, O God, as blessing.

**Let our hands be Christ's hands –
inviting, sharing, teaching and comforting. Amen.**

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

BENEDICTION**SONG OF COMMITMENT VU #37 Gloria**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

POSTLUDE Christians be Joyful

H. F. Queen



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