



*Kincardine United Church*

*Baptism of Jesus*

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**Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.**

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**PRELUDE** Pastorella

F. W. Marpurg

**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****MUSICAL INTROIT** Four Preludes, No. 2

J. C. Kittel

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE****CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Come into this digital space to discover our connections – our union – in Christ.

**We come together in this new year filled with anticipation.**

Come gathered in front of our screens to witness to faith alive.

**We come in the midst of this pandemic to affirm vibrant living.**

Come to witness to God's eternal presence as we join as one in prayer:

**Stir our hearts, O God, with your possibility through rebirth.****Even when we seem to be marking time from one day to the next,****enable us to perceive your transformative work within our hearts.****Open us to your promise of becoming, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.****\*VOICES UNITED** 100 When Jesus Comes to Be Baptised**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

There are times when we ache, longing for change in our lives and in our selves.

**Our longing is for healing, for assurance that we are loved and forgiven.**

Do we look for healing through a change in our circumstance,

for rescue from the tragedies and pitfalls of life,

for flashy miracles and mountaintop experiences?

**We yearn for a sign of grace through a change in our environment.**

Yet, we ARE loved and transformed by God's grace.

**How can that be when it doesn't happen swiftly, immediately, right now?****SHARING TIME** "The Wing"**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God does not necessarily repair us, but we are re-created from day to day.

**In that assurance,****we are ready to open ourselves to sing God's song of love,****harmonizing through the power of the transcendent Spirit.**

Let us sing God's song of love – as Those Who Are Being Healed –

in sure confidence and within the intimacy of silent prayer:

*(Silent Prayer)***GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD****BIBLE READING** Mark 1:4-11 from the New Testament page 34-35.**\*VOICES UNITED** 443 God, We Pray at This Beginning

**BIBLE READING** Acts 19:1-7 from the paraphrase *The Message*

**DOXOLOGY** NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD #236 VU (verse 3 only)  
**All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,  
 the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,  
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

**MEDITATION** It Isn't One and Done – Part One

**ANTHEM** A Life That's Good Words and Music by Lennon and Maisy  
*Sung by Krista, Morgan and Lydia Ritchie*

**MEDITATION** It Isn't One and Done – Part Two

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

### **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.**

### **RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL FAITH**

Remembering the blessing of baptism,

**we are reminded that we are not alone.**

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

In our living, the risen Christ reminds us how and to where we are called.

**We open ourselves this morning to God,  
 renewing our commitment to ever becoming followers of the Way of Jesus.**

**MORE VOICES 85** Take, O Take Me as I Am

*You are invited to dip your finger into the water you have prepared,  
 drawing a cross on your forehead with that water.*

*If you have others with you safely in your household,  
 feel free to draw that cross for one another.*

You are God's beloved, filled by the Spirit and blessed by abundant grace.

**We remember, recommitting to our ongoing journey of faith.**

**MORE VOICES 85** Take, O Take Me as I Am

**SILENT PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
 Source of all that is and what shall be.  
 Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
 the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
 The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!  
 Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
 sustain our hope and come on earth.  
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
 now and for ever. Amen.

**OFFERING INVITATION****PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*in unison*)

In our baptism we become part of your greater whole – the Body of Christ.  
 We offer to you, O God, our time, our talent and our treasure,  
 dedicating all we have and all we are becoming to your mission in love.  
 May you bless our gifts and our giving by the power of the Spirit. Amen.

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

**BENEDICTION****SONG OF COMMITMENT** 37 "Gloria"

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

**POSTLUDE** The Prince of Denmark's March Jeremiah Clarke