



Kincardine United Church
2nd Sunday after Epiphany & Communion
January 24th, 2021 10:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

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 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

MUSICAL INTROIT I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

It seems ironic that this tiny flickering flame of the Christ Candle
is hard to see in the light of day,
the radiated heat unfelt across the digital divide,
the subtle aroma of the burning candle impossible to smell through our screens.

**Yet we come, nevertheless,
perceiving Christ's living presence all around us,
feeling the expansive warmth of Christ's welcome in worship,
inhaling the heady perfume of love alive.**

Come, then, to be embraced by the rainbow spectrum of God's promise,
to be enfolded in the unconditional embrace of Christ's companionship,
to be empowered by the Spirit's passion for right relation.

We come in answer to God's call, joyful to serve and to witness.

In answer to that divine call, let us join our hearts with God's heart in prayer:

In this morning light, O God, wrap us with the inspiration of night's vision.

Within our lock-down restrictions, O Christ,

free us to reach out digitally to one another as companions along the Way.

When we feel beaten down and discouraged, O Spirit,

open us to your whispers of possibility empowered by faith. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 81** As with Gladness Men of Old

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING TIME "Emmanuel's Dream"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

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

VOICES UNITED 861 Psalm 139 with Refrain.

***VOICES UNITED 608** Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind

BIBLE READING 1st Samuel 3:1-10 from the Old Testament page 247.

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 Are You Crazy, God?

GOD INVITES US TO TABLE

INVITATION

We are all an open book to God's loving gaze. God knows us from the inside out.
 We are made in the image of God for loving relation.

**We come to this table set by the risen Christ,
 invited as a community in communion through the Spirit,
 woven together in God's heart by grace.**

Come, then, at Christ's unconditional invitation,
 for no one is denied a place at this table and each person is welcome.

We come, in gratitude and in anticipation, for renewal and courage.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Give God your thanks and your praise.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

We give you, O God, thanks and praise for our formation in Love.

You have used each circumstance of our history, of our decisions,
 of our mistakes, of our triumphs to nourish our growth within your heart.

**When Adam and Eve yearned for knowledge and status, you walked with us
 as we struggled to find your way in a world of complexity.**

When Miriam and Moses came out of hidden exile to insist on liberation,
 you encouraged us to dance on our journey to freedom,

nourishing us in the wilderness of our becoming.

**When the prophets challenged our oblivious arrogance to inequity,
you strengthened us to respond with deeper understanding
and a wider commitment to mutual community.**

When we seemed to fall asleep out of weariness and under oppression,
you sent us Jesus of Nazareth to model a self-giving Way of faithful living.
**Yet we didn't listen nor follow, abandoning the promise of hope in Jesus
for the familiar ways we have always done things.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FRACTION

AFFIRMATION OF MEMORY AND HOPE

In response to Jesus' self-giving, we remember and we hope:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

We continue to grow in our understanding in our living the Way of Christ.

**We seek healing and hope for ourselves and for one another,
giving our trust anew to God as we unite in silent prayer:**

(silent prayer)

ANTHEM

I Will Sing with the Spirit

John Rutter

Sung by Liz Coates, David Skinner and Rod Coates

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

We continue in prayer, inspired by the Spirit living within:

**As we commune together digitally around this table,
may your Spirit so move within and among us that we are transformed. May you bless
what we say and do in our homes –
connected across the distance –
that we become ever more your disciples. Amen.**

PARTAKING

Please take your bread and beverage you have prepared and partake.

If you have others with you, serve one another in love.

As you partake, remember the Way of Jesus as our own path of becoming.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us join together in prayer through gratitude for God's eternal grace:

Thank you, welcoming Christ, for this table and for our communion in you.

Bless us as we rise from your table with loving kindness for others.

**Challenge us through your passion for right relation in the world,
a passion which calls us, equips us and strengthens us. Amen.**

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

LEAVING A LEGACY

Marion Boyd

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(in unison)*

We look around our living room, our office, our den, our kitchen –
removed from one another’s physical presence –
yet connected by following your mission in this changing world.

Bless what we offer –
from all our resources of time, of talent and of treasure –
for the transformation of the world through love. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 481** A Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 37 “Gloria”

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

POSTLUDE Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach