

Kincardine United Church
3rd Sunday of Epiphany
January 21st, 2024 11:00 a.m.

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

*invites you to stand as you are able.

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PRELUDE Prelude in C J.S. Bach

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously
the commitments made to First Nations communities
through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,
especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

Therefore, 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 Christ Who is My Life J. Pachelbel

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Welcome to worship in this community of faith where we learn the Way of Jesus.

We come, eager to learn strength of faith and mastery of loving kindness.

Wonderful! for we will also learn weakness, folly and failure,
but the greatest of these is failure.

We're not sure what you mean, afraid we just don't understand what you say.

Then have no fear but cultivate patience

within the process of becoming followers of Jesus' Way.

Are you trying to say we need to unlearn what we have learned?

Yes, unlearning our fear of failure means we will learn from our mistakes.

How, then, do we embrace our apprenticeship on the Way?

Let us pray, finding the Spirit's guidance to our purpose in life:

Guiding Spirit, teach us to let go of everything we fear to lose.

Open us to naming our fears so we can face them and overcome them.

Fill us with your perspective of self-giving love which is interdependence.

**Enflame our hearts that we may flicker as candles in the wind,
daring to shine light into our living. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 117** Jesus Christ Is Waiting

SHARING TIME What Are You Worth?

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 Jonah 3:1-5, 10 in the Old Testament

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

***VOICES UNITED 120** O Jesus, I Have Promised

BIBLE READING Mark 1:14-20 in the New Testament

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;^[a] repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

DOXOLOGY 321 (*verse 4 only*) "Maker in Whom We Live"

**Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record and dwell upon your love.
When heaven and earth have fled before your glorious face,
may all the saints your love has made sing everlasting praise.**

PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION

REFLECTION "Sanding the Rough Edges"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM How Can I Keep From Singing? American Folk Hymn,
arranged by Andy Beck

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We are always afraid, O God, that what we give does little.
We worry that our donations represent meagre drops in a bucket.
Continue to bless our giving that these seemingly insignificant "drops"
become so bountiful that the bucket of need overflows.
Lead us in this path of generosity, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 642** Be Thou My Vision

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT Gloria # 37 *Voices United*

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

POSTLUDE Lord Jesus, Turn to Us, J.G. Walther