



Kincardine United Church
3rd Sunday after Epiphany & Communion
January 24th, 2021 10:30 a.m.

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 Miniature Suite for Organ - Prelude

Healey Willan

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We acknowledge the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation:

The People of the Three Fires

known as Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomie Nations.

We further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen, and the Chippewas of Nawash
– now known as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation –

as the traditional keepers of this land.

**Our thanks compel us to live fully into our journey of reconciliation –
a seven-generation process of intentional listening and learning.**

We seek to live together in respect, friendship and peace.

**We, thus, commit ourselves to follow Jesus' call us into the world,
loving one another as we are loved by God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Miniature Suite for Organ - Intermezzo

Healey Willan

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come, for God is calling, inviting, welcoming and challenging.

We come to open ourselves into Spirit guidance.

Come to reconnect digitally as we celebrate divine purpose.

**We come to rub distanced elbows and to bruise opposite opinions,
seeking the Way of Jesus while aware of our human frailty.**

Come while blown by the great wind's roar of pandemic change.

We come isolated and alone, yearning for strength and for insight.

Come to be enlivened through conversation with God in prayer:

**God who speaks to us through love and by inclusion,
free us to truly perceive one another as lovely.**

Living Christ who teaches, equips and shows us,

**challenge us to not only forgive those who harm us,
but to forgive ourselves when we hurt and reject others.**

Moving Spirit who inspires us and binds us,

weave our uniquely colourful selves into a tapestry of loving kindness.

Give us the space to become ever more your people of harmony. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 240** Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Silent Prayer)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,

may your name be made holy, may your dominion come,

may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today the bread we need;

and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors;

and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.

For yours is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Jonah 1:1-3 from the Old Testament page 859.

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, ²“Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.” ³But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

***VOICES UNITED 780** My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

BIBLE READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10 from the Old Testament page 860.

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.” ³So 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. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When 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.

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 A Whale of a Tale – Part One

SHARING TIME Veggie Tales – “Jonah Was a Prophet”

MEDITATION A Whale of a Tale – Part Two

ANTHEM Come Build a Church

Ken Medma

*God of Creation, Maker of all things. We gather in this place to pray.
We do invite you come now among us; Come and build your church today.
Come build a church with soul and spirit, come build a church of flesh and bone.
We need no tower rising skyward; no house of wood, or glass, or stone.
Come build a church with human frailty. Come build a church of flesh and blood.
Jesus shall be its sure foundation. It shall be built by the hand of God.
Let us see the tongues of fire. Let us hear the great wind roar.
Let us know the awe and wonder, that we’ve only glimpsed before.
Let us feel the strength of passion, which can make us laugh and weep.
Let us know this great awakening. For so long we’ve been asleep.
Let us know the love unceasing, which alone can loose the bounds.
Reaching out across the chasms, bringing walls of hatred down.
Let us taste the sweet communion, where the circle never ends.*

*Hold us in the sweet connection, turning strangers into friends.
 Come build a church with soul and spirit, come build a church of flesh and bone.
 We need no tower rising skyward; no house of wood, or glass, or stone.
 Come build a church with human frailty. Come build a church of flesh and blood.
 Jesus shall be its sure foundation, it shall be built by the hand of God.
 Guide our feet in peaceful pathways. Teach us peace of heart and mind;
 peace with God and all God's children; 'till we leave our wars behind.
 Surely joy will come and find us like a breeze that cools the night;
 like the rain upon the desert; like a candle's gentle light.
 Come build a church with soul and spirit, come build a church of flesh and bone.
 We need no tower rising skyward; no house of wood, or glass, or stone.
 Come build a church with human frailty. Come build a church of flesh and blood.
 Jesus shall be its sure foundation. It shall be built by the hand of God.
 It shall be built by the hand of God.*

MEDITATION A Whale of a Tale – Part Three

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

**We look around, O God, noting the familiar surroundings of our home.
 It seems odd to gather in isolation while dedicating what we give,
 mediated through pixels on screens while reading these words.
 Even so, we are passionate about your mission in the world,
 promising our time, our talent and our treasure to you.
 Bless all that we are becoming through our giving in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 574** Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 37 "Gloria"

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

POSTLUDE Miniature Suite for Organ - Finale

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