

Kincardine United Church  
Third Sunday After Epiphany  
January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 11:00 a.m.

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**PRELUDE** Once He Came in Blessing

J.S. Bach

**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 traditional 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** Marion Brown

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the peace of Christ be with you all

**And also with you**

## GOD GATHERS US

**INTROIT** Praise God, You Christians, All Together

J.S. Bach

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** Lori Van Santvoort-Jansekovich,  
Gathering A/C/E 2024-25 pg 45

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Bob Root, Gathering A/C/E 2021-22 pg 44

As one week finishes and another week begins, we have come to this house of worship that we might place ourselves, our lives, our loved ones, and all our cares and joys in the embrace of God, whose welcome is always assured.

**We come confident that God is always with us. We come thankful that, in this world in which we live, we have this place to call our spiritual home and people to companion us on our journey. We come to give thanks.**

**OPENING PRAYER** Wanda Winfield, Gathering A/C/E 2024-25 pg 47

All knowing God,

**You know everything about us but love us just the same.**

We judge one another,

**While you do not judge us.**

Help us to know that you are always with us,

**that you are the One who comes along side us, cares for us, and comforts us.**

As we begin this time of worship,

**We think of those in our lives who need encouragement and comfort.**

We commit them to your care, knowing that our prayers will be answered,

**in your time and in the best way possible for us,  
a way that only you can know. Amen.**

**\*HYMN VU #313** “God, Whose Almighty Word”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Wanda Winfield, Gathering A/C/E 2017-18 pg 47

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** Heather McClure, Gathering A/C/E 2019-20 pg 51

## **SHARING TIME**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER (said)**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** Marie Slivocka, Gathering A/C/E 2024-25 pg 49

### **EPISTLE READING** 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

#### **One Body with Many Members**

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to

be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

**\*HYMN VU #402** “We Are One”

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 4:14–21

### **The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry**

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

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<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,

to set free those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

**DOXOLOGY #321 (verse 4) "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.**

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## REFLECTION

### GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**ANTHEM** Dance With the Spirit

Jim Strathee

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**OFFERING INVITATION** Jim McKean, Gathering A/C/E 2021-22 pg 48

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Carol Frost, Gathering A/C/E 2021-22 pg 48

**Creator God, accept these gifts with our love and gratitude for all you give us. Guided by your Spirit, may we do your will to further the work of Jesus, that of compassion and justice in our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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**\*CLOSING HYMN MV #154 "Deep in Our Hearts"**

**\*COMMISSIONING** George Allan, Gathering A/C/E 2021-22 pg 49

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG OF COMMITMENT VU #37 "Gloria"**  
**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!**  
**Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE**    Where Shall I Flee

J.S. Bach

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