



Kincardine United Church

4th Sunday after Epiphany & Communion

January 31st, 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 Three Voluntaries, No. 2

Thomas Tomkins

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

(Slightly modified from the one used at Saugeen Wesley United Church)

For thousands of years,

First Nations people have lived on this land and by these waters;
this relationship is at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

**We are gathered as a non-Indigenous community of faith
on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation,
and acknowledge their stewardship through the ages.**

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

Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD INVITES US**MUSICAL INTROIT** Three Voluntaries, No. 1*Thomas Tomkins***LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE****CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

People of faith prepare to worship!

We rejoice in this opportunity to worship together, virtually, connected in ways our fore-bearers could never have imagined.

People of faith, prepare to praise!

We rejoice in this opportunity to sing with heart and voice, as if no one else but God was listening.

People of faith, prepare to pray!

We rejoice in this opportunity to open ourselves to God's leading.

People of faith, prepare to listen!

We rejoice in this opportunity to hear the scriptures and to respond with faithful service, in and beyond the walls of our homes.

You give us people for the times, O God.

In the earliest days, you gave great leaders to Israel: Abraham, Jacob, and Moses.

You give us people for the times, O God.

And when a word of correction or justice was needed, you sent the prophets: Jeremiah, Amos, and Isaiah.

You give us people for the times, O God.

To a world crying out for salvation, your Chosen One, Jesus, came to teach, to die, and to rise again.

You give us people for the times, O God.

And still you send your messengers, your challengers, the agents of your love:**Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King, the Dalai Lama, Amanda Gorman, our own minister, Reverend Gord Dunbar, and unsung saints we know. For all these people and for all your people;****we thank you, O God. Amen.****VOICES UNITED 313** God, Whose Almighty Word**SHARING TIME 'Rachel Carson - Preserving a Sense of Wonder'**

Thomas Locker & Joseph Bruchac

ASSURANCE OF GRACE**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Silent Prayer*)**A NEW CREED****We are not alone,
we live in God's world.****We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,**

who has come in Jesus,
 the Word made flesh,
 to reconcile and make new,
 who works in us and in others
 by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
 to celebrate God's presence,
 to live with respect in Creation,
 to love and serve others,
 to seek justice and resist evil,
 to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
 our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
 God is with us.

We are not alone.
 Thanks be to God.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

***VOICES UNITED** 833 Psalm 111 (with refrain)

***VOICES UNITED** 326 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

BIBLE READING Mark 1:21-28

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 Live and Learn

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM River in Judea *Words by Linda Marcus. Music by Jack Feldman.
 Arrangement by John Leavitt.*

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Matt 25:34b-40)

Jesus said: "Come, you that are blessed by my Father,
 inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Then the righteous will answer him,

'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' "

**May God's 'Kin-dom' come through us and all the gifts we share,
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***MORE VOICES 150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath**

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 37 "Gloria"

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Prelude in F major BWV 556

J.S. Bach