



*Kincardine United Church*  
*7th Sunday after Pentecost*  
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**Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.**

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**PRELUDE** In Thee I Have Hoped

*Marcel Dupré*

**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 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** In Thee I Have Hoped

*J. S. Bach*

### **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Come into this digital worship space,  
 you who are feeling dislocated or isolated while wandering in a strange land,  
 you who are wondering if normal will ever return,  
 you who are longing for a friend's touch or for a shared meal.

**We come from our living rooms, from our offices, from our outdoor decks,  
 from our campsites and through a diversity of electronic devices.**

**We come seeking God's healing presence –  
 though worshipping while separated.**

Come to know that you are loved, valued and treasured.

**We come to be filled with purpose,  
 comforted by the Spirit's many possibilities.**

Come as we give reverence to God in prayer:

**We come in worship, O God, dreaming of who we may become.**

**May your vision of rainbow promise paint our becoming.**

**May your vision of inclusion for everyone born birth our understanding.**

**May your vision of sharing distribute our selves into the world.**

**May your vision of caring empower and strengthen all our relations.**

**May your vision of healing bridge our divides.**

**May your vision of wholeness enfold each of our hearts with other hearts.**

**May your vision become our vision, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 391 God, Reveal Your Presence**

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE** *(based on Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(silent prayer)*

**SHARING TIME** God's Dream

**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** Genesis 28:10-19a in the Old Testament page 25

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." <sup>18</sup> So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup> He called that place Bethel.

**DOXOLOGY** Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
 world without end. Amen.**

**MEDITATION** Dreaming Possibilities

**MORE VOICES 191** What Can I Do?  
 What can I do? What can I bring?  
 What can I say? What can I sing?  
 I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
 I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

## CHRIST INVITES US TO TABLE

### INVITATION

Come to the many tables that the risen Christ has set for us.

While yours is the table that you have prepared with your own choice of elements,  
this setting Jesus provides is one of communion with each other in community.

**Though we are separated by distance, we come at Christ's invitation.**

Everyone is welcome:

regardless of who you worry you are or who you celebrate you are,  
regardless whether you believe, you are skeptical or you are questioning,  
regardless of who others think you are or who you know you are.

**The expansiveness of welcome takes our breath away,  
but in gathering at many tables we find our identity as people on the Way.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give God our thanks and praise.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

In God's dreaming, Creation was spoken into being, life upon life upon life.

The dream became love lived powerfully in a disconnected world.

Abraham and Sarah led their household into an adventure of discovery,  
a journey which overcame lies, missteps, foreign threats and longing.

**Love became the fruit of God's dream.**

Noah and his family listened and acted in faith,

yet once safely on dry land, the family still struggled and fought.

**Love was painted into a rainbow promise of possibility.**

Moses and Miriam led enslaved people into the wilderness and into becoming,

yet they grumbled while yearning for their familiar chains.

**Love showered the manna of patience and of perseverance.**

The prophets arose to challenge entrenched power and systemic injustice,

voices crying in the wilderness while proclaiming what could be.

**Love echoed in words that beckoned people to repent.**

Throughout the years of pain and misery, of challenges and triumphs, love abided.

### ANTHEM     Anxious for Nothing

Joe E. Parks

*Some folks like to worry and tell you 'bout their troubles and woes,  
about their pain and mis'ry, and on and on it goes;*

*but I have learned a lesson from the pages of his Word so fair,*

*I'm gonna be anxious for nothing, I'm gonna take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*I'm gonna be anxious for nothing, gonna take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*I'm gonna be anxious for nothing, I'm gonna give him my ev'ry care;*

*and the peace of God the Father will always be there,*

*I'm gonna be anxious for nothing, I'm gonna take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*I don't need to worry about things I can't afford,  
 the world and all that's in it belong to my blessed Lord;  
 I am in his fam'ly and with Jesus I am an heir,  
 I'm gonna be anxious for nothing, I'm gonna take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 I'm gonna be anxious for nothing gonna take it to the Lord in prayer,  
 I'm gonna be anxious for nothing, I'm gonna give him my ev'ry care;  
 and the peace of God the Father will always be there,  
 I'm gonna be anxious for nothing, I'm gonna take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 I'm gonna be anxious for nothing, I'm gonna give him my ev'ry care;  
 and the peace of God the Father will always be there,  
 I'm gonna be anxious for nothing, gonna be anxious for nothing,  
 I'm gonna take it to the Lord in prayer, to the Lord in prayer!*

### **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

For us, too, we try to chase away our anxieties, our troubles and our woes.  
 For many of those we love, the pain and misery seem to go on and on.

**God's love - in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus – invites us to share.**

So, we come, O God, to share the cares and woes of our hearts,

lifting the names of those for whom we worry,

for those events and tragedies we long to heal.

**The loving embrace of God invites us to open our hearts freely and humbly.**

Let us immerse our souls into the heart of God as we silently pray:

*(silent prayer)*

Amen.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FRACTION**

#### **PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT'S BLESSING**

Let us join together in prayer as we seek the Spirit's blessing:

**This sacrament we call communion is our place of Spirited union.**

**Bless what we say and do in this sacrament**

**that we may dream as God dreams:**

**healing and hope, bridges and bonds, covenants and compassion.**

**Fill us to the brim with your insight and with your inspiration, we pray. Amen.**

#### **PARTAKING**

*Please take your bread and beverage and partake.*

*If you have others with you, serve one another.*

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

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray once again:

**Loving God, thank you for this distanced space of sacrament.**

**Thank you for your radical inclusion of us all at Christ's table.**

**Open our own hearts and minds, our souls and actions, to the same inclusion,**

**forging us into a community of welcome and of celebration**

**as we dream of the luminous web of relation**

**within which we live our faith.**

**May it be so in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND****OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

We bring before you, O God, the fruits of dreaming possibilities.

May you bless what we offer,

using these gifts for your dreams of what might become.

In your blessing, may we be empowered to dream your dream of loving.

Amen.

\* **VOICES UNITED** 424 May the God of Hope Go with Us

**\*BENEDICTION**

\***SONG OF COMMITMENT** "Ameni" (sung twice) from #219 *More Voices*

Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni.

Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni.

**POSTLUDE** Trumpet Tune in D Major

*Henry Purcell*