



**Kincardine United Church  
Pentecost 7  
July 23, 2017 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church.

Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

**Bold print invites you to say the words.** \*invites you to stand as you are able.

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**PRELUDE** Pavana

*Byrd*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT** Air

*Dowland*

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

From the pressures of busy lives, of occupied minds, of enmeshed hearts,  
**we come, seeking dedicated time to bask within the Spirit's nurture.**

From the hurly, burly of a work-week saturated with tasks, with demands, with deadlines  
**we come, yearning for respite and recreation – to just *BE* within God’s grace.**

From the uncertainties, the conflicts, the hurts and the wounds of our living,  
**we come, longing to walk with the risen Christ to discover meaning.**

In our seeking, in our yearning and in our longing, God embraces us within prayer:

**God of love, who unites our hearts as one:**

**open our minds to understand each other,  
 open our listening to know one another,  
 open our speaking to encompass your diversity,  
 open our vision to affirm each difference and each similarity,  
 open our hearts to share your abundance, we pray. Amen.**

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

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

As we confess to God our failures, our shortcomings and our brokenness,

God showers us with love and with healing.

**Pardon? Aren’t we supposed to grovel first as we beg for forgiveness?**

**Aren’t we supposed to say how unworthy we are because we fear God’s punishment?**

**Isn’t that how this goes – we dutifully apologize and God graciously forgives us?**

Don’t you think that God already knows how our lives continue to unfold?

**So why do we do this if we know God will kiss us and make it all “better?”**

Good question. Let’s take some quiet time to open ourselves to God for wholeness:

*(Silent Prayer)*

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**SHARING TIME** “God’s Dream”

by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Abrams

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (say together)

**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**

**VOICES UNITED** Page 861 Psalm 139 (first and last sections)

**\*VOICES UNITED #278** In the Quiet Curve of Evening

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

**GLORIA**

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**      Elevated Thinking or Grounded Be-loving?

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM**      With Verdure Clad the Fields Appear *Haydn*

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY**      Bonduca *Purcell*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

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.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

God of love, who unites our hearts as one:  
may what we give here become part of your dream of wholeness;  
may we become whole as we give of our selves;  
may your giving of abundance become the centre of generosity within,  
that we live into your realm of interdependence and of relation. Amen.

**\*VOICES UNITED #670**      Precious Lord, Take My Hand

**BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**      Cebell *Purcell*

<b>AV MINISTRY TEAM</b> 📺	Thank you	
<b>COUNTERS</b> 💰	Ralph & Mary Ann Knowles	
<b>JULY HOUSE LEADERS</b> 🏠	Rad & Debbie Michielson	
<b>MUSIC</b> 🎵	David Hamilton, Liz Coates	
<b>NURSERY ATTENDANT</b> ♦	Angela Hazlewood	
<b>SCRIPTURE READER</b> 📖	Rad Michielson	
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER</b> ✍️	Catherine Crawford	
<b>WORSHIP</b> ✝️	Rev. Gord Dunbar	