



Kincardine United Church
8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2020 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 Jesus Christus, Unser Heiland

D. Buxtehude

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

For thousands of years, First Nations peoples have walked this land,
weaving their identity and their spirituality intimately with the land.

**European colonisation came about in large part
because of the Doctrine of Discovery,**

a flawed understanding that ignores Indigenous presence on the land.

Affirming the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
and, therefore, repudiating the wrong of such a doctrine,

we begin our worship this morning by acknowledging
the unceded 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

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Jesus Christus, Unser Heiland

Marcel Dupré

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

VOICES UNITED 828 Psalm 105 part 1 only

Refrain: **Bless God, my soul. Hallelujah!**

Give thanks and call on God's name.

Make known to the nations what God has done.

Sing, O sing the songs of praise; tell of all God's wonderful deeds.

Exult in God's holy name;

let those who seek God be joyful in heart.

Turn for help to the One who is your strength; seek God's presence continually.

**Remember the marvels the Most High has done,
the wonders and judgements God has given.**

O children of Abraham and Sarah, God's servants,

O offspring of Israel, chosen of God.

You are the eternal God,

your justice reaches every corner of the earth.

You are ever mindful of your covenant,

the promise you gave to a thousand generations,

the covenant you made with Sarah and Abraham, the oath you gave Isaac.

You confirmed it for Jacob as binding.

To Israel your everlasting covenant you declared,

"To you I give the land of Canaan, as your appointed inheritance."

Refrain: **Bless God, my soul. Hallelujah!**

***VOICES UNITED 226** For the Beauty of the Earth

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (*based on Romans 8:26-39*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*silent prayer*)

SHARING TIME Hidden in Front of our Eyes

THE LORD'S PRAYER (based on the work of Neil Douglas-Klotz in *Prayers of the Cosmos*)
O Divine Womb,

birthing forth the river of blessing which runs through all,
 soften the ground of our being,
 and hallow in us a space for the planting of thy presence.

In our depths, sow thy seed with its greening power
 that we might be midwives to thy Reign.

Then, let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with thy desire.

Impart to us the wisdom to bring forth the gifts of the earth
 and share them daily according to the needs of each being,
 and restore what has been usurped by injustice to its rightful owners,
 as we restore to others what is not our own.

Do not let us be diverted from our purpose,
 but make us sensitive to the moment at hand.

For from thy fertile soil is born the creativity,
 the life-energy, and the dance, from birthing to birthing. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

MASH-UP Matthew 13:31-33. 44-52 and MORE VOICES 138

**My love colours outside the lines, exploring paths that few could ever find;
 and takes me into places where I've never been before,
 and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.**

³¹ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

**My Lord colours outside the lines, turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
 and takes me into places where I've never been before,
 and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.**

**We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
 body and soul need a soaking from time to time.**

**And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,
 and realize there are worlds outside the lines.**

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

**My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
 tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
 I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before,
 throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.**

We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,

body and soul need a soaking from time to time.

**And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.**

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.**

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." ⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

⁵⁴ He came to his hometown and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power?"

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 Treasuring All My Relations

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Amazing Grace

Early American, Arranged by Richard Proulx

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart of fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

**Take what we offer, O God,
the seeds of possibility, the tiny grains of sand, our hidden treasures.
May you bless these gifts that the seeds may bear fruit,
that the grains of sand will become beautiful pearls**

and that our hidden treasures may be revealed
as your movement within us all.

We ask for such transformation in Jesus' name. Amen.

* VOICES UNITED 688 O Day of God, Draw Nigh

*BENEDICTION

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

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

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

POSTLUDE Jesus Christus, Unser Heiland

J. S. Bach