

Kincardine United Church

10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28th, 2024 11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE I Need Thee Every Hour Robert Lowry, arranged by Frank W. Asper

WELCOME

A STORY INSTEAD OF AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Fairest Lord Jesus Robert Lowry, arranged by Frank W. Asper

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Welcome to this place of questioning, of wondering, of discipling and of becoming.

In our questioning, may we find meaning and purpose in community.

In our wondering, may we discover holy mystery nourishing our faithing.

In our walking the Way of Jesus, may we become disciples who be-love.

In our becoming, may we dare to be bold in Christ's name.

Come to actively grasp the nettle of future uncertainty,

to face the doubts and fears arising out of change,

to trust in the Spirit's guidance, healing and hope.

We come to engage, to learn and to grow.

Let us, then, engage in prayer:

**It is much more comfortable for us, God, to seek certainty.
Certainty, though, eludes us as our minds overflow with more questions than answers.
Our hearts tighten when we just don't know what the future holds.
It's hard to trust, yet trust, we must, for in love you embrace us all.
Calm our worries as you come and touch our hearts, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***MORE VOICES 12** Come Touch Our Hearts

SHARING TIME The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn,
illustrated by Ruth E. Harper and Nancy M. Leak

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 John 6:1-15 from the New Testament

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

***MORE VOICES 65** When We Are Tested Tune: #642 *Voices United*

BIBLE READING John 6:16-21 from the New Testament

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going

DOXOLOGY 236 VU (verse 3) "Now Thank We All Our God"

**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.**

PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION

REFLECTION "Sharing Through Stormy Seas"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

A RITUAL OF FAREWELL

When Gord was called to Kincardine United Church,
we entered a covenant with one another,

promising to journey with each other in faith and in trust.

While God's covenant never ceases, our covenants do end with one another.

Today we mark the ending of the covenant between Gord,

Kincardine United Church and the Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council.

We are all called by God to offer our unique gifts,

but some are called to lead in particular ways.

We are all called by God to speak our faith,

but some are called to preach with prophetic words of compassion and justice.

We are all called by God to comfort those who suffer,

but some are called to share in the pain of the entire community of faith.

We give thanks for Gord who has been our minister for seven years.

**He has led us, taught us, challenged us, inflicted terrible puns
and shared both our suffering and our joy.**

I give thanks for the prayers that surround me

as I complete the ministry I have shared with you all.

I ask you to forgive me for the mistakes I've made,

the dreams not realized and the expectations not met.

We forgive and bless you.

We rejoice in the ways we have been blessed

as we have shared this ministry together.

We ask for your forgiveness for mistakes made and for expectations not met.

I forgive your shortcomings and I am nurtured by your gratitude.

Gord, do you release this community of faith from the vows and the promises
made at your covenanting?

I do, God being my helper.

People of Kincardine United Church,

do you release Gord from the duties of his shared ministry with you?

We do, God being our helper.

Know that in this ending is another beginning.

Know, too, that the Spirit provides us with the inspiration we all will need

as we continue to bear the Light of Christ to the world.

May it ever be so.

AMEN!

ANTHEM

Here I Am, Lord

Words and music by Daniel L. Schutte
Choral setting by Jack Schrader

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer you, O God, our gifts of time, of talent and of treasure.

We pray that these gifts will build relationships which transform lives in love.

We ask that you bless us in our giving,

**that we, too, may be transformed in Jesus' name,
ever evolving as followers of the Way. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 79**

Arise, Your Light Is Come

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 161 MV (verse 4)

"I Have Called You by Your Name"

I have given you a name, it is mine;

I have given you my Spirit as a sign.

**With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.**

POSTLUDE

God Be with You

Robert Lowry, arranged by Frank W. Asper