

# Kincardine United Church

## 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022 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

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here BWV 731

J. S. Bach

### 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 GATHERS US

### MUSICAL INTROIT

Prelude

J. C. Kittel

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

In a world that is often scary and confusing,  
**we come here to find sanctuary.**

In a culture that sometimes gets ahead of itself,

**we come to encounter what is holy.**

In a society that abuses power so readily,

**we come to this space – digitally and in person –**

**to weave ourselves into the circle of God’s all-encompassing love.**

As God weaves us into Love’s whole fabric, let us pray:

**Companion God, you love us dearly and have nurtured us since our beginning.**

**Abundance surrounds us as gift, astounding us with your generosity.**

**With joy-filled hearts may we share the good news that you are in all our relations.**

**Walk with us as we share your love which multiplies when shared. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 245** Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Silent prayer*)

**SHARING TIME** “Giant or Waiting for the Thursday Boat”

by Robert Munsch and illustrated by Gilles Tibo

**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**

**VOICES UNITED 831** (*Psalm 107, part one only with refrain*)

**Refrain: O give thanks to God for steadfast love.**

O give thanks, for God is gracious.

**God’s steadfast love endures for ever.**

Let the redeemed of God say so, those redeemed from trouble,

**whom God gathered in from the lands,**

from the east and the west,

**from the north and the south.**

Some lost their way in desert wastes, finding no place to settle;

**hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.**

They cried to you, God, in their trouble; you rescued them from their distress.

**You let them by a straight path, 'till they reached a place to settle.**

Let them thank you, O God, for your steadfast love, for the wonders you do for us.

**For you satisfy the thirsty, and fill the hungry with good things.**

**Refrain: O give thanks to God for steadfast love.**

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

**BIBLE READING** Luke 12:13-21 from the New Testament page 74.

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

**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.**

**PRAYER**

**MEDITATION** Finding Our Purpose

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**ANTHEM** Miniature Suite for Organ - Scherzo

Healey Willan

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*in unison*)

Loving God, in humble gratitude and with adventurous hope,

we take the risk of offering this part of ourselves,

asking that you may bless our gifts to shine brighter in the world

than if our gifts were kept to ourselves.

**May these parts of us become your mission in the world. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 506** Take My Life and Let It Be

**BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT** Spirit God, Be Our Breath  
#150 *More Voices* (verse 4 only)

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.  
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.  
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn...  
Spirit God, be our song.**

**POSTLUDE**

Festive Postlude

Paul Fey