



Kincardine United Church

Celtic Service

July 8, 2018 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 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

Pipers outside

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and of their spirituality.

**We begin our worship this morning by acknowledging
the unceded territory of the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation,
the Saugeen Ojibwe and, more recently, the Saugeen Metis.**

**We are all Treaty people,
parties to the Upper Canada, Haldimand, Huron and Niagara Treaties.**
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
with all who live and work and worship on it.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Amazing Grace

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

*(from “Essential Celtic Prayers” by Thomas McPherson, page 36 and from
“A Contemporary Celtic Prayer” Book by William John Fitzgerald pp. 16-17)*

There is no plant in the ground **but is full of God’s virtue,**
there is no form in the strand **but is full of God’s blessing.**

Right it is to praise God.

There is no life in the sea, there is no creature in the river,
there is nothing in the firmament,

but proclaims God’s goodness. Right it is to praise God.

There is no bird on the wing, there is no star in the sky,
there is nothing beneath the sun,

but proclaims God’s goodness. Right it is to praise God.

Filled with praise for God’s goodness in around us all, we pray:

We come to listen for your Word, O God, in us and around us.

**In our listening, in our understanding, in our becoming,
let us soar like the crane beyond last week’s din.**

Let us purr like the kitten, curled up in Sunday rest.

Let us bond like the canines, finding kindship in our pack.

Let us be graced like the deer, bounding over life’s pursuits. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 357** Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(From “The Pattern of Our Days: Worship in the Celtic Tradition
from the Iona Community”, edited by Kathy Galloway, page 106)*

God of the spirit of kindness, in the glory of earth and sea and stars,
in the kaleidoscope of colour and shade and shapeliness,
in the patterns of humour and tenderness and touch,
we celebrate your generosity.

**Forgive us when we forget the gift in our every breath,
 the care that sustains our every moment,
 the grace that can transform our every day.
 Set us free from the prison of grudging hearts, mean desires, resentful spirits.
 Give us the courage to act with justice and generosity,
 and draw us into love that does not calculate or keep scores.**
(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

(from "Essential Celtic Prayers" by Thomas McPherson, page 16)

In trusting faithfulness, we proclaim:

**You are the peace of all things calm, you are the place to hide from harm,
 you are the light that shines in dark, you are the heart's eternal spark,
 you are the door that's open wide, you are the guest who waits inside,
 you are the stranger at the door, you are the calling of the poor,
 you are my Lord and with me still, you are my love, keep me from ill,
 you are the light, the truth, the way, you are my Saviour this very day.**

SHARING TIME "Simon Says"

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(From the "Iona Abbey Worship Book", page 58)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven,
 give us today our daily bread,
 forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us,
 save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil,
 for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING *(From the "Iona Abbey Worship Book", page 37)*

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God
 as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

Our hearts and minds are open.

2nd Corinthians 12:2-10 in the New Testament on page 185

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

***VOICES UNITED 238** How Great Thou Art

BIBLE READING *(From the "Iona Abbey Worship Book", page 140)*

O God, as these words are read,
in our hearts may we feel your presence.

Mark 6:1-13 from the paraphrase *The Message*

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 “Are You Weak Enough Yet?”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Highland Cathedral

COMMUNITY PRAYERS (*From the “Iona Abbey Worship Book”, pp. 62-64*)
Risen Christ, listen to us. **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (*From the “Iona Abbey Worship Book”, page 181*)
O God of life, of all life and of each life, we lay our lives before you as offering.
Bless the giving of our lives to you, from whom nothing is hidden.
You are before us, God, you are behind;
you are around us, God, you are within.
O God of life, O generous Spirit,
renew us with your life, today, tonight, tomorrow and always. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 639** One More Step Along the World I Go

***BLESSING** (*From the “Iona Abbey Worship Book”, page 46*)
May the everlasting God shield you, east and west and wherever you go.
And the blessing of God be with you.
The blessing of the God of life.
The blessing of Christ be upon you.
The blessing of the Christ of love.
The blessing of the Spirit be upon you.
The blessing of the Spirit of grace.
The blessing of the Trinity be upon you, now and for evermore.

***THREE-FOLD AMEN**

POSTLUDE *Pipers outside*



AV MINISTRY TEAM 🗣️	Ron Smith, Dave Leaning, Stu Mowry
COUNTERS 💰	Stu & Donna Mowry
JULY HOUSE LEADERS 🏠	Rad & Debbie Michielson
MUSIC 🎵	David Hamilton, Pipers
NURSERY ATTENDANT ♦	Sadie Shewfelt
SCRIPTURE READER 📖	Rad Michielson
SLIDE PRESENTATION ♦	Sarah MacKenzie
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ♦	Dianne Clubb
WORSHIP ✝️	Gord Dunbar