



Kincardine United Church
Pentecost, Anniversary Sunday & Communion
June 9, 2019 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 Woodbury Fanfare
Put Your Hand In The Hand
"Bach" To The Future
Tears In Heaven
I Believe
Pomp and Circumstance

all played by K.U.C.I.E.

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 St. Anthony Chorale

played by K.U.C.I.E.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

DATELINE: PENTECOST, YEAR 30, JERUSALEM

*VOICES UNITED 395 “Come in, Come in and Sit Down”

DATELINE: MARCH 7TH, YEAR 202, ROME

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Happy Anniversary! Let’s celebrate God’s gifts among us.

168 years is an amazing heritage!

We come in joy and with gratitude for the Spirit’s leading.

Come as people who open minds, lives and hearts to Christ.

We come as those who serve in the name of Jesus.

Come in the midst of a changing world to embrace mystery.

**We come – a little anxious and a lot worried –
but trusting in God’s creative power.**

As we come, let us commune with the One we be-love.

Loving, creative God,

we come as those who don’t like it when you surprise us.

Change scares us – even terrifies us – when we ponder the future.

What will remain? What will disappear? What will be transformed?

The shifts in our world, in our lives and in our church

squeeze our hearts with apprehension.

We ask for your Spirit to guide us and hold us,

leading us into possibility rooted in the past. Amen.

DATELINE: SUMMER, YEAR 313, MILAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, who leads us into unexpected places,

often we are most comfortable when others are like us,

when they believe like us, behave like us and see the world like us.

You have, however, in your marvellous Creation, bestowed abundant diversity.
 That very diversity challenges us and sometimes feels threatening.
 Open us to your generosity of welcome,
 that we may celebrate one another for who we are, we pray.
(Silent Prayer)

DATELINE: PENTECOST, YEAR 337, CONSTANTINOPLE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

DATELINE: GERMANY, YEAR 590

***VOICES UNITED** 196 “Wind Who Makes All Winds that Blow” *(verse 1 only)*

DATELINE: ROME AND CONSTANTINOPLE, YEAR 1054

***VOICES UNITED** 196 “Wind Who Makes All Winds that Blow” *(verse 2 only)*

DATELINE: SPAIN, YEAR 1480

***VOICES UNITED** 196 “Wind Who Makes All Winds that Blow” *(verse 3 only)*

DATELINE: WITTENBURG, GERMANY, OCTOBER 31ST, 1519

BIBLE READING Acts 2:14-21 from the paraphrase *The Message*

DATELINE: ENGLAND, 1611

BIBLE READING Acts 2:22-24, 32-36 from the paraphrase *The Message*

DOXOLOGY “KNOW THAT GOD IS GOOD” #104 MORE VOICES

Know that God is good, know that God is good,
 know that God is good, God is good, God is good.

DATELINE: ALDERSTREET, ENGLAND, MAY 24TH, 1738

ANTHEM On Eagle’s Wings

Joncas

DATELINE: TORONTO, ONTARIO JUNE 10TH, 1925

GOD INVITES US TO TABLE

INVITATION

Faith glows like coals within our hearts.
 At this table, Jesus blows on those coals.
 Together, gathered as one, we are God’s blaze of joy.

We come; we yearn; we hunger; we thirst.

Come and join together at this table, Christ's table,
for the invitation is for all who burn with Spirit fire,
for all who wish to taste and see that God is good.

**Wondering, wishing for wholeness and welcomed,
we accept Christ's invitation to join the fire.**

DATELINE: MOOSE JAW, SASKATCHEWAN, NOVEMBER 6TH, 1936

GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift then up to God.

Let us give God our thanks and praise.

It is right to give God our thanks and our praise.

We are a community of faith, surrounded by witnesses of now and then.

We remember.

What do you remember?

**The covenant lived out millennia upon millennia,
God's call to be a people of faith made for self-giving.**

Who do you remember of the covenant?

**We remember Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam,
Ruth and Naomi, David and Jonathan,
and prophets of times present and times past.**

How did we respond?

**With rejection, for those we remember were scorned.
The way of the covenant seemed too hard.**

What was God's response?

**Love. We were loved even as we turned away,
for God's heart is an open door for us all.**

Why, then, do we gather at this table?

**Jesus came, just a country boy, but God's Son even so.
He taught; he healed; he lived love.
Then he shared one last meal with his friends.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FRACTION

Surely all who knew Jesus followed as he called them.

No, for the powers of doubt and of certainty planted fear.

What did they fear?

**They feared their world turning upside down,
that power and wealth and popularity meant nothing.**

They feared what they couldn't understand.

What did they do?

**Jesus was arrested, beaten and scorned,
accused of blasphemy and of treason.**

He was crucified and died.

What is our hope after all that?

**Our hope rests in God's continued response of love,
for Jesus rose and lives among us even now.**

How, then, do we react to such mystery?

**We celebrate here at table, gathered as companions on faith's journey,
for Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT'S BLESSING

For what do we pray?

**We pray, O God of persuasive power and of subtle might,
that your Spirit may burn within us and enflame what we do,
blessing this bread and this grape juice,
equipping us to follow where Jesus leads. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

Communion will be served at the front of the church.

*The ushers will direct you forward using the centre aisle to receive the bread,
to receive the small glass of grape juice, to prayerfully partake of each.*

Please return to your seat using the side aisles.

Gluten-free crackers are available separately from the bread.

Please let an usher know if you wish to be served in your seat.

An appropriate response when receiving the bread or grape juice is "Amen."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

What do we say after receiving God's gracious gifts at table?

**We pray that the food we have eaten, that the drink we have tasted,
may change how we live our lives.**

**May we be blessed to live as disciples,
called, sustained and equipped for love. Amen.**

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

DATELINE: KITCHENER, ONTARIO, JANUARY 10TH 1968

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

DATELINE: VICTORIA, B.C., AUGUST 1988

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

**We are excited by opportunities to live as Pentecostal people.
By tongues of fire and by rushing wind, our imaginations are stirred.
May these gifts of time, of talent and of treasure – offered in love –
become a means of transformation in Christ's name. Amen.**

DATELINE: KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH, JANUARY 3RD, 1993

***VOICES UNITED 202 Breath of Life**

COMMISSIONING

We have heard the challenge of the past.

We have heard the struggles, the passions and the grace.

We know that following the Way of Jesus is difficult,
that it requires all we have in unity with the Spirit,
that it challenges us to see God's goodness in creation like a healing stream.

Let us go forth with that challenge filling our hearts.

Let us answer God's call to wrestle with our faith.

Let us do so as the United Church, together as one in Christ's body.

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF COMMITMENT**

Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE Burst of Brass

played by K.U.C.I.E.



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