



Kincardine United Church
Anniversary Sunday, Confirmation & Communion
June 10, 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 Learning Hymn 465 Voices United

WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

...Lydia Ritchie, Greg Hartwick, Lauren Williams

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

... Nathan Williams

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT

Invocation

Christopher Grundy

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Hey! Come on in because we're excited to welcome everyone here.

We're excited, too, because the confirmation class is leading us in worship.

Well, we're a bit nervous about it all, you know, but we're willing to take a chance.

We know we're not taking a chance on you – because you're not alone.

You're right! We're not alone at all, in fact.

Together we gather on this, our 167th anniversary as Kincardine United Church,
rooted in the soil of those who gathered here before us.

We don't know what the future holds, but we come in trust.

Then let us join as one in prayer – a family of faith united:

Hear us God for we are praying.

Hear us God for we are laughing in our joy.

**Hear us God for we are crying out to you,
wondering what will be, what will be.**

Speak to us God for we are listening.

Speak to us God for we are waiting for your voice.

**Speak to us God in our hearts and all around,
tell us what can be, what can be. Amen.**

***OPENING SONG** Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

**You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail,
and there I find You in the mystery, in oceans deep my faith will stand.**

And I will call upon your name and keep my eyes above the waves.

When oceans rise my soul will rest in your embrace.

For I am yours and you are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters.

Your sovereign hand will be my guide.

Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me.

You've never failed and you won't start now.

So I will call upon your name and keep my eyes above the waves.

When oceans rise my soul will rest in your embrace.

For I am yours and you are mine

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders.

Let me walk upon the waters wherever you would call me.

Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,

and my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Saviour. (repeat 2x)

Oh, Jesus, you're my God!

I will call upon your name.

Keep my eyes above the waves.

My soul will rest in your embrace.

I am yours and you are mine.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God, you planted the seeds of faith in this congregation for generations.

Wherever and whenever you sowed your seeds within our hearts,

they held potential and promise – lives yet to bear fruit.
 If our heart-seeds are pecked up by the scavenger birds of consumerism,
 or sprout shallow roots of momentary enthusiasm,
 or become choked by worries and feelings of inadequacy,
 nourish us with your self-giving love,
 watering our roots with living water,
 feeding our growth with the bread of life. *(Silent Prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING TIME Wanna Lift?

THE LORD'S PRAYER (say together)

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 INVITES US TO REMEMBER OUR BAPTISMS IN CONFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION ...Rod Coates

At various moments along the journey of our life in Christ,
 we have opportunities to reaffirm and to renew the faith proclaimed in baptism.
 Confirmation is one of these times.

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the congregation of Kincardine United Church,
 I present Nathan Williams, Greg Hartwick, Lydia Ritchie and Lauren Williams
 who seek to renew the faith proclaimed on their behalf in baptism.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ,
 do you promise to resist evil,
 turning away from sin and toward God,
 to live in love and justice?

I DO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD.

Do you believe in God, Source of Love,
 in Jesus Christ, Love Incarnate,
 and in the Holy Spirit, Love's Power?

I DO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD.

Will you join with your sisters and brothers
 in the mission and ministry of Christ's church?

I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT

Let us pledge to Lauren, Lydia, Greg and Nathan our continued support and care.

**As a congregation which seeks to foster a journey of spiritual growth
through hospitality, service, fellowship and study and, in community,
to build up the ministry of every person
and together experience God's abundant love and grace,
we commit ourselves to support you, to walk with you
and to grow with you within this faith community.**

***VOICES UNITED 918** A New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

BIBLE READING Romans 8:14-17 from the paraphrase *The Message*

"This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life.

It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a child-like "What's next, Papa?"

"God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are.

We know who God is, and we know who we are:

Father and children;" Mother and children.

"And we know we are going to get what's coming to us –
an unbelievable inheritance!

We go through exactly what Christ goes through.

**"If we go through the hard times with him,
then we're certainly going to go through the good times – with him!**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

May the power of the Spirit work within you,
that being born of water and of the Spirit,
you may be a faithful witness to Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION OF A BIBLE

(Greg, Lauren, Nathan and Lydia) receive this Bible,
and with your companions in faith, followers of the Way of Christ,
continue to grow in faith, trusting in God's promises.

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

God of mercy and of love, you welcome all who turn to you,
you create a clean heart in those who turn to you,

and give your Holy Spirit to those who ask.

**Grant that Lydia, Greg, Nathan and Lauren, we pray,
may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ.**

Equip them with faith in Jesus Christ

and with love for all your people, in the service of your realm. Amen.

WELCOME

Into union with Christ, into the household of faith,
we welcome you with joy and with thanksgiving.

We are members of the body of Christ.

We are inheritors of God's promise.

Nathan, Lauren, Greg and Lydia,

in the name of Christ, we welcome you!

VOICES UNITED 958 Halle, Halle, Halle

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Mark 4:1-9 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

***MORE VOICES 1** Let Us Build a House

BIBLE READING Mark 4:13-20 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 The Crutch Walkers

GOD INVITES US TO TABLE

INVITATION

Cool! Bread and grape juice just sitting here!

But it looks so fancy.

And so good to eat!

Should we taste it and see?

Don't we need to ask permission first?

That's what we've been taught to do by mom and dad.

This table is for everyone who wants to come and eat.

Really?

Right now and right here?

Don't we have to say grace first?

We sure need to give thanks.

We also need to remember, but let's sing it this time.

VOICES UNITED 465 Christ, Be Our Host (verse 1 only)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God.

Let us give God our thanks and our praise.

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

Wait a minute! Why?

Yeah, why give our thanks and praise?

Won't God love us anyway?

We give God our thanks and praise because we remember.

Why do we have to remember?

Remember what?

Like when I skinned my knee and Dad remembered to bandage it?

We remember how God has loved us over the years.

We remember how God has worked in us and others.

You mean like Adam and Eve and the awesome garden?

Or like Noah and his ark and the animals and the rainbow?

Maybe we're supposed to remember the kids who were saved
when Moses and Miriam took them into the wilderness.

I like the story about Samuel hearing God when Eli couldn't.

My favourite is when Ruth followed Naomi,

even when Ruth didn't know what Naomi's people were like.

Or especially when Jesus welcomed all the kids,

even when the snobbish disciples didn't want to.

Good stories, indeed, but there are bad parts, too.

Like what?

**Even with all these people showing the way to follow God,
we still chose to turn away from God.**

Why?

**Because it seems easier to grab what we want,
to ignore how God wants us to love each other.**

You mean like when I bug others 'cause I can?

Or like when I whine when I don't get my way?

I feel sorry when I hurt others. I don't mean to.

Yeah, it hurts after a while and I want to change it all back.

God gave us another chance, you know.

God gave us Jesus so we would know how to live right.

What did Jesus give us?

...Himself?

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE BREAD

VOICES UNITED 465 Christ, Be Our Host (verse 2 only)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE GRAPE JUICE

VOICES UNITED 465 Christ, Be Our Host (verse 3 only)

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Jesus had to die?

Jesus gave himself so we would know how to live for others.

But he came back, didn't he?

You know, the empty tomb and all that?

He lives in our hearts, now, doesn't he?

Yes, but the best we can understand is to say it's a mystery.

That's why we live in God's hopefulness as we say:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

We remember, God, and we ask for your blessing.

**Take what we do, what we share, what we eat,
and change us from the inside out for your Love.**

**Make us better able to hear your whispers of guidance,
that we may follow in Jesus' footsteps,**

filled by your Spirit's anointing for self-giving. 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,
and 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

Yum! That was good!

I wish I could have more than just that little bit.

**You can, for God gives us more than what we need,
but the food we truly need comes in life's struggles.**

Hey, it's hard to love when others look down on you.

Or try to take your stuff.

Or make fun of you.

Or tell lies about you.

Then maybe we need to ask God for help. Let's pray:

**God who kisses our cuts and bruises better,
teach us how to keep communion with you,
how to love others even when they are unlovely.**

**Give us the strength to live as your children,
that your Spirit may live within us,
so by our living you may teach others how to live, too. Amen.**

VOICES UNITED 465 Christ, Be Our Host (verse 4 only)

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Shine, Jesus, Shine

Graham Kendrick, arr. Jack Schrader

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

***OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

We offer our harvest of abundance from the seeds you planted within us.
Bless these gifts of time, of talent and of treasure, O God, that we return to you
that they scatter seeds of hope, of justice and of love everywhere. Amen.

***CLOSING SONG** Beautiful Things

All this pain; I wonder if I'll ever find my way.
I wonder if my life could really change at all.
All this earth; Could all that is lost ever be found.
Could a garden come up from this ground at all.

You make beautiful things; you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things; you make beautiful things out of us.

All around, hope is springing up from this old ground.
Out of chaos life is being found in you.

You make beautiful things; you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things; you make beautiful things out of us.

You make beautiful things; you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things; you make beautiful things out of us.

You make me new; you are making me new.
You make me new; you are making me new.

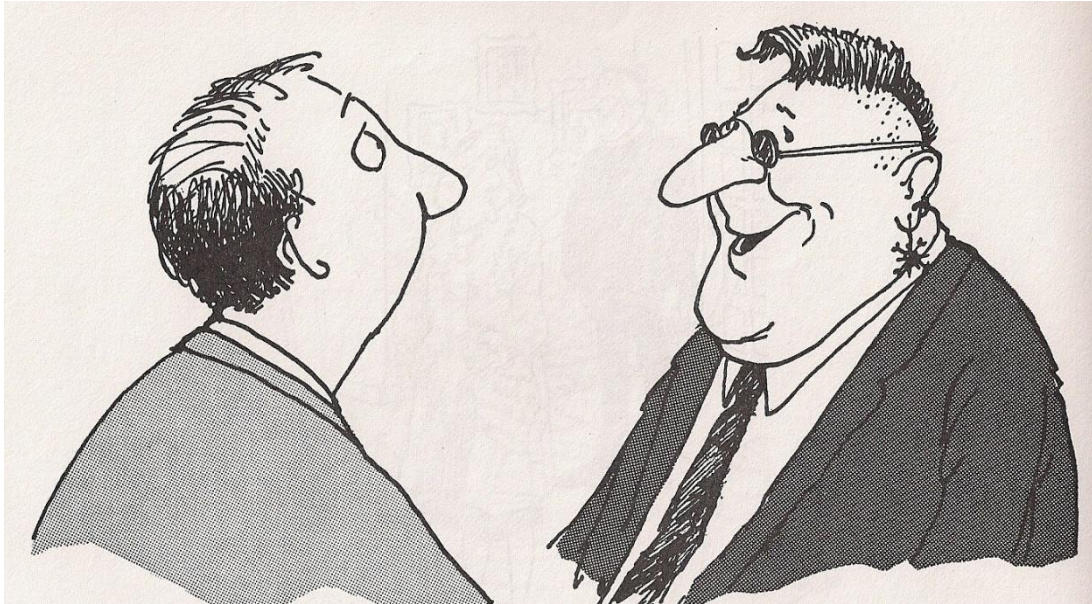
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***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

POSTLUDE Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

John Behnke



I had it done for Confirmation Sunday.



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