

Kincardine United Church
5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 23rd, 2024 11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

Faith Of Our Fathers

Hemy-Walton, arranged by Ted Smith and Don Hustad

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously

the commitments made to First Nations communities

through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,

especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

Therefore, we acknowledge, this day,

that we gather for worship

on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,

and the other Indigenous peoples who preceded them –

the original nations of this land –

and we acknowledge, with respect,

their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee H. Percy Smith

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come into this space where vulnerability and loving kindness are welcome.

It's not easy to be vulnerable out of fear of criticism by others.

It's not easy to live loving kindness when we become critical.

The risen Christ invites us to share our scars, to be authentically ourselves.

Doesn't God want people who are whole, not broken, who are wise, not wondering,

who are certain, not doubting, who are holy, not wounded?

The Spirit moves within us and around us, transforming us each day,

deepening us for love, daring us to care, emboldening us to share.

We come, then, in humility and with anticipation.

Let us pray:

Loving God who transforms and nurtures,

we want the world wrapped up in colourful paper and tied neatly with a bow.

Instead, we experience life as full of challenge – sometimes too much challenge.

Unclench our fists so we learn to open our arms for welcome.

Turn our suspicion of the stranger toward compassion for our neighbour.

May we become more Christ-like each moment we pray. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 567**

Will You Come and Follow Me

SHARING TIME

Pirate Glitterbeard

written and illustrated by Oksanna and Larissa Crawley

LORD'S PRAYER

God within us, God beyond us, God among us,

may the Mystery always be named and known

among all peoples and in all times.

May Creation give way to the rule of love and the power of life.

Satisfy our hunger, granting us a hunger to see the whole world fed.

Restore us to right relationship

with you, with Creation, with others, with ourselves.

Strengthen us to reject all that would lead us away from you.

Come to us when we choose death over life.

Give us courage to follow your call in this moment.

For in your love we find the only power,

**the only home, the only honour we will ever need,
in this life and the life to come. Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING 1st Samuel 17:32-40 from the Old Testament

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³ Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." ³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father, and whenever a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth, and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷ David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!"

³⁸ Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹ David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I am not used to them." So David removed them. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the wadi and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

***KNOWN UNKNOWNNS 86** We Do Not Ask (to the tune #364 *Voices United*)

- 1. We do not ask that heaven research the causes of our need;
we yearn to know that when we pray God listens and takes head.**
- 2. We do not ask to be exempt from grief or guilt or pain;
we deeply hope that suffering is not endured in vain.**
- 3. For some face death or fear the dark, some fret for what might be;
and some, too ill to name their plight, still plead to be set free.**
- 4. And some, in body or in mind bear scars that mark their past,
and long that stigmas be removed and truth be told at last.**
- 5. Companion us, Lord Jesus Christ, to witness our distress.
In solidarity and love forgive, restore and bless.**

BIBLE READING 1st Samuel 17:41-49 from the Old Testament

⁴¹ The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴² When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³ The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." ⁴⁵ But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head, and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear, for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand."
⁴⁸ When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

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 "Queer(ying) Might Is Right"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

Derek Hakes

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The world is partitioned by walls and chasms of our own making, O God. Instead, you call us to tear down those walls and to bridge those chasms. May you bless what we give of our time, our talent and our treasure,

**that these gifts may help to connect instead of to divide.
In our connection, may we grow more whole through all our relations. Amen.**

***MORE VOICES 138** My Love Colours Outside the Lines

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

Onward Christian Soldiers

Arthur Sullivan