

# Kincardine United Church

## 4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023 11:00 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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**PRE-SERVICE** I Will Follow Chris Tomlin  
There's Nothing that Our God Can't Do Brandon Lake  
Today Is the Day Paul Baloche

**PRELUDE** Death Was Arrested Adam Kersh, Brandon Coker,  
Paul Taylor Smith, Heath Baltzglier.

### 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

Faithful One

Brian Doerksen

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come and worship in joy and with thanksgiving for we are loved as we are,  
nurtured to become more fully ourselves.

**We come depending on God when all is chaos,  
hoping and trusting in God's hope which brings peace.**

Come to grow as we walk the Way of the risen Christ,  
discovering meaning and purpose in community – united in self-giving.

**We come in the midst of life's storms, carrying hidden troubles,  
anchored by the Spirit's healing love.**

Let us come in prayer as we commune with God:

**God who is Love, we call out to you in prayer again and again.**

**As we listen to stories of people of faith in scripture,  
may you reveal that brokenness becomes opportunity for a *different* Way.**

**As we sing songs of faith and of hope,  
may you transform each of us and all of us,  
teaching us to perceive Christ's face in each other's faces.**

**In our worship this morning, may your amazing love  
carry us, enliven us and strengthen us for your mission in the world. Amen.**

\*MORE VOICES 26

Your Love Is Amazing

SHARING TIME

“Consider the Monarch Butterfly”

\*MORE VOICES 92

Like a Rock

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and what shall be.**

**Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. Amen

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**BIBLE READING** Matthew 10:34-39 in the New Testament

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

<sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

**\*MORE VOICE 183**

I’m Gonna Shout, Shout

**BIBLE READING** Genesis 21:8-21 in the Old Testament

<sup>8</sup> The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. <sup>9</sup> But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. <sup>10</sup> So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” <sup>11</sup> The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. <sup>12</sup> But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. <sup>13</sup> As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” <sup>14</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to

Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

<sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. <sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. <sup>18</sup> Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." <sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

<sup>20</sup> God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. <sup>21</sup> He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

**DOXOLOGY** #89 More Voices (verse 4 only)

**Love is the Maker and Spirit and son;  
love is the kingdom their will has begun;  
love is the path which the saints all have trod;  
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

**PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION**

**REFLECTION** "Succession"

### **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM** What Love Looks Like Carolyn Arends

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

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

**Living, loving God, who models what love looks like,  
may you bless all that we give for your mission in the world.  
In your blessing, may we become the model of what love looks like –  
self-giving and self-sacrificing as we share with friends,  
with neighbours, with strangers and especially with enemies. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 575**      I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

**COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**      May the Peace of Christ      Glen Soderholm

**POSTLUDE**      City on a Hill      Elias Summer, Nic Herbert

**HYMN SING WITH EDENFOLK AND SONG SHEETS**  
*(for those who wish to stay an extra ten minutes)*