

# Kincardine United Church

## Pentecost & Communion

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**Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.**

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**PRELUDE**                      Our Father                      Marcel Dupré

### **WELCOME**

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territory of First Nations Peoples – Peoples who have lived on this land and by these waters for thousands of years.

**We gather as a non-Indigenous community of faith on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe Nation, giving gratitude for their stewardship through the ages.**

We are newcomers to this land and we have gained so much in coming.

**Our gain, however, has come at a great cost to First Nations Peoples.**

We acknowledge that we have gained much within racist systems of our creation, systems which have benefitted those who are white, Christian and heterosexual.

**Our acknowledgement is only the beginning of our journey toward reconciliation, toward healing of all our relations with those we have belittled in this culture.**

Our words must now be followed up with action.

**We pray the Holy Spirit breathes forgiveness, hope and love into all our relations and sets us free from the evil of colonialism.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT**      Our Father                      BWV 636      J.S. Bach

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

The Spirit dances and bubbles around us.

**Transformations are everywhere!**

Rebirth, new life, new insights and powerful challenges are God's gift to us all.

**Come, Holy Spirit, blow in our midst and be our treasured guest.**

Let us embrace and be embraced by the Spirit as we pray:

**Breathe into our hearts, O Spirit, becoming our spark of resilience  
and our creative fire of improvisation, of innovation and of ingenuity.**

**Motivate our talents to flare with holy energy!**

**Give us wings of piping hot courage.**

**Fill our souls with flames of inclusive love,**

**that we may perceive each person as blessed and worthy. Amen.**

\*VOICES UNITED 376 Spirit of the Living God

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME The Church's Birthday Gifts

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sing 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.

## CHRIST INVITES US TO THE TABLE

### INVITATION

Interesting. Pre-packaged grape juice and tiny little wafers.

It looks so ordinary. Is it any good to eat?

Are we allowed to open them yet, or should we get permission first?

That's what we were taught to do when I was a kid.

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 457 As We Gather at Your Table (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? 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? What do we remember?

**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,  
ignoring how God wants us to love each other.**

You mean like when I tease others to see their reaction?

I must admit that 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?

**VOICES UNITED 457** As We Gather at Your Table (verse 2 only)

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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 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**

*If you are worshipping at home,*

*please take the bread and beverage you have prepared and partake.*

*If you are worshipping here in person,*

*please take the elements you have been given and partake.*

*As you partake, remember the Way of Jesus as our own path of becoming.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

That was hard to open, but it was tasty.

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 take 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 457** As We Gather at Your Table (verse 3 only)

**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**BIBLE READING** Acts 2:1-13 from the New Testament page 119.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to

one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

**CHOIR ANTHEM** How Can I Keep from Singing  
American Folk Hymn arranged by Andy Beck

**BIBLE READING** John 14:8-17 from the New Testament page 108-109.

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

**DOXOLOGY** Gloria Patri

**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** Full of Hot Air

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

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)**

**Living Spirit, may you be our breath for justice and for right relation.**

**As you move in and among us,**

**may you bless what we give of our resources for the good of the world.**

**In your blessing, may we be motivated to live love alive. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 625** I Feel the Winds of God

**BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT** Spirit God, Be Our Breath  
*#150 More Voices (verse 4 only)*

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.**

**Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.**

**Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn...**

**Spirit God, be our song.**

**POSTLUDE** Fugue in g minor BWV 558 J.S. Bach