



Kincardine United Church
Trinity Sunday, Communion
June 7, 2020 10:30 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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PRELUDE Prelude (Op.21, No. 7)

Gustave Merkel

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** Prelude (Op.156, No. 10)*Gustave Merkel***LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE****CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH** *(based on Psalm 8)*

Come to worship the Creator of the heavens and the earth,
 all that is unseen and all that we can perceive,
 to praise One who loves and breathes life through all that is.

**Nursing infants chorus delight in the divine as they are loved and fed.
 Young children play as they grow all their relations,
 singing anthems of praise as they flourish by Spirit guide.**

**Ageing adults hum melodies arising from cherished memories,
 testimony to harmony lived fully within the embrace
 of the risen Christ's companionship and teaching.**

Come in awe at the necklace of diamond stars sparkling Milky Way bright.
 Come humbled by God's care for each little starling and every aching soul.

**From our isolation and through staying at home,
 we give thanks for the tiny echoes of God's Creation within us,
 for the strength of bonds of love and caring between us.**

As we come, let us join as one in prayer:

**God who weaves us together as one,
 you dwell within us to sustain us and to guide us,
 because you have made us in your image.**

May your Spirit breathe within us the oxygen of self-giving love.

**May your grace temper our actions to face challenge and suffering
 with understanding, with empathy and with compassion.**

**May your Son walk with us each step along his Way,
 meeting us, teaching us and equipping us during our faith walk. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 242** Let All Things Now Living

ASSURANCE OF GRACE**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Silent Prayer)***GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

BIBLE READINGS Matthew 28:16-20 and 2nd Corinthians 13:11-13
 both from the paraphrase *The Message*

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 Weaving a Whole**GOD INVITES US TO THE TABLE****INVITATION**

We are invited by the risen Christ to share this table.

Even as we gather at diverse tables within our own homes –

divided by physical distance yet connected one to each other electronically –

we are woven into whole cloth by the Spirit for this communion.

So, come to celebrate this sacrament by God's grace,

witnessing to the good news alive among us.

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

As we gather at your table, as listen to your word,

help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.

Nourish us with sacred story 'till we claim it as our own;

teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

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.

As we gather at this table, mindful of God's eternal presence among us,

we are nourished by the story of faith woven over the generations.

At our beginning, we remember the sturdy and fresh yarn of Adam and Eve,

coloured by earth and flame, by wonder and consequence, by grace.

We remember and we continue to learn wisdom in the weaving.

We remember the obedient and adventurous yarn of Abram and Sari,

coloured by journey and time, by negotiation and expediency, by sacrifice.

We remember the oppressed and liberated yarn of Moses and Miriam,

coloured by plagues and death, by grumbling and becoming, by manna.

We remember and we continue to learn community in the weaving.

We remember the tangled and knotted yarn of kings and of judges,

coloured by devotion and mistakes, by passion and wisdom, by power.

We remember the passionate and justice-proclaiming yarn of the prophets,

coloured by despair and insight, by depression and daring, by testimony.

We remember and we continue to learn wholeness in the weaving.

We remember the bewildered and spirited yarn of the disciples,

coloured by parable and healing, by teaching and fleeing, by revelation.
 We remember the growing and discerning yarn of the early church,
 coloured by communion and arguing, by persecution and freedom, by loving.
We remember and we continue to learn humility in the weaving.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FRACTION

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

**Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
 send us forth to love and serve you, brining peace where there is strife.
 Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
 may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Weaver God, with all our flaws and foibles,
 you weave us into a tapestry of beauty and of purpose.
 As our individual threads become a comprehensive whole,
 we cherish the powerful and affective connections you establish among us.
 In your weaving, we discern warp and weft as your pattern of self-giving –
 your creation of communal interrelation and interdependence.
 As we pray in silence, we open our hearts to your heart,
 sharing our joys and our concerns,
 lifting those for whom we pray as well as the worries we have for ourselves,
 the whole fabric of our living for your mending:

(silent prayer)

Thank you, creative Spirit, healing Christ, artist God,
 for all the ways we have become woven into your own self,
 a community of hope, peace and love.
 In thanksgiving, as we embrace your great commission into this world,
 we sing together the words Jesus gave us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (we sing)

**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.**

PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT'S BLESSING

As we prepare to partake of this sacrament of self-giving and of wholeness,
 we ask that you may bless what we do here across the distance.
**May the elements we consume become your weaving within and among us.
 May you so bless what we have say and do
 that we become the hands and feet of Christ
 for one another, for strangers and for those we call enemies. Amen.**

PARTAKING

VOICES UNITED 457 (verse three only) As We Gather at Your Table
 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
 where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
 There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
 as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us join together in a prayer of celebration and of thanksgiving:

**Your tapestry never seems to be finished,
 yet you carefully use our yarn to weave evermore.
 As your fingers work and your love creates, we are transformed.
 Thank you for your weaving by your hands,
 for the beauty of your design as a gift from your heart,
 for our own becoming beautiful within your pattern.**

Bless us in each moment we witness to your divine pattern in the world.

Amen.

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

We offer to you our time, our talent and our treasure.

**You bless these gifts and our selves by our giving,
 weaving them into your gift to the world as love alive.**

Thank you for the invitation, the inspiration and the beauty. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 420** Go to the World

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF COMMITMENT** “Ameni” (sung twice) from #219 *More Voices*

Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni.

Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni.

POSTLUDE Preludium

Johan Krieger