

Kincardine United Church

3rd Sunday after Pentecost & 173rd Anniversary

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Seize the Day

Carolyn Arends

Listen to Our Hearts

Geoff Moore & Steven Curtis Chapman

When God Dips a Pen of Love in Our Heart

Jim Reeves

PRELUDE

Shine

Matt Redman

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT

Marvelous Light

Steve Hindalong

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Welcome to this 173rd anniversary service of Kincardine United Church!

We come to rejoice as we cherish the legacy of the saints before us.

Let us also celebrate the beginning of the 100th year of the United Church of Canada.

**We come to deepen our spirituality, to work for daring justice
and to commit to bold discipleship as a family of faith.**

Through our discipleship, let us continue to listen, to grow and to learn in faith.

We come to worship Creator with all our relations.

Let us pray:

**God who liberates us from memes, from misinformation, from polarization,
strengthen our patient discernment as we seek your love at the centre.**

**Give us the resolve we need to embrace self-giving, so that, as family,
we cultivate abiding connections of wholeness despite our flaws.**

May the Spirit guide us to perceive the Christ in one another, we pray. Amen.

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

BIBLE READING AS LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:7-15

From "First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament"

⁷⁻⁸ When you pray, do not be like the people from the Outside Nations, who use empty words over and over again, thinking their many words will help them be heard. Your Father, the Creator, already knows what you need even before you ask. ⁹ Instead, when you send your voice to the Great Spirit, here is what you should pray:

O Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honour your name as sacred and holy.

¹⁰ **Bring your good news to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below. ¹¹ Provide for us day by day – the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice. All the things we need for each day. ¹² Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. ¹³ Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road, and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways. Aho! May it be so!**

¹⁴ Remember, our Father from the spirit-world above will release you from your wrongdoings in the same manner you release others from theirs. ¹⁵ But if you fail to release others, this keeps your Father, the Creator, from releasing you.

SHARING TIME SONG "Look After this Land"

Written for Scouting service at Eden United Church, Mississauga.

CHORUS:

Look after this land look after its people (clap pattern)

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When you see a place in need, what's the best reaction?
Resist the urge to walk away, and give it your attention.

Look after this land look after its people (clap pattern)
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Look after this land look after its people (clap pattern)

When you meet someone in need, burdened with a problem
There is something you can do, your outstretched hand can help them.

Look after this land look after its people (clap pattern)
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Time for us to do our part, try to leave things better
Improve a spot, uplift someone, be open to all weather.

Look after this land look after its people (clap pattern)
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Look after God's land look after God's people.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND (#8)

Before we arrived as settlers,

there were First Nations here already for thousands of years –
peoples with a tradition of stewardship with the land.

They welcomed, sustained and taught us.

Our prayer is that, in love, we find ways to share the land,
celebrating all cultures with those who call this land home.

**In our reconciliation journey, we acknowledge that this community –
where we work and worship –**

is situated on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.

We humbly respect their culture, traditions and stewardship of the land.

**May we live in friendship, peace, and a spirit of reconciliation
with all our First Nations neighbours.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING 2nd Corinthians 4:13-18 from the New Testament

From "First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament"

¹³ It has been written in our Sacred Teachings, "My faith gave me the courage to speak." Since the same faith lives in our spirits, we too have the courage to speak.

¹⁴ For we know that the one who raised up Creator Set Free (*Jesus*) to sit beside the Great Spirit will also raise us up to be with him. Then together, we will all stand before him.

MORE VOICES 191 What Can I Do
What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

¹⁵ So then, all that we suffer is for your good. This means that Creator's gift of great kindness will reach more and more people. Then many people will give thanks to the Great Spirit, bringing him even greater honour. ¹⁶ That is why we never lose heart. For even though our outer being is fading away, our inner being grows stronger every day.

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¹⁷ For the troubles we now face are small compared to what is coming and do not last for long. Instead, they are getting us ready for the great and shining beauty of the world to come, a beauty beyond comparison that will never fade away. So we set our minds not on the things we can see but on the things we cannot see. ¹⁸ For the things we can see will last only for a short time, but the things we cannot see are from the world to come, which will never fade away.

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I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

BIBLE READING Mark 3:20-35 from the New Testament
From "First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament"

²² The scroll keepers from Village of Peace (*Jerusalem*) were there also. "He stands with Worthless Ruler (*Beelzebub*)," they accused him, "for his power to force out evil spirits comes from the one who rules over them." ²³ So Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) gathered them around himself and spoke to them with wise sayings such as these: "How can Accuser (*Satan*), that evil trickster, force out evil spirits? Can he defeat himself?"

MORE VOICES 92 Like a Rock
Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the stary night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

²⁴ If a nation wars against itself, that nation cannot stand. ²⁵ A family that fights against itself will fall. ²⁶ In the same way, if Accuser (*Satan*) rises up against himself, then how will he continue to rule? ²⁷ No one can enter the house of a strongman and take away his goods, unless he first defeats him. Then he can take away his goods. ²⁸ I speak from the heart, humankind will be released from all their wrongdoing and evil speaking, ²⁹ but whoever speaks evil of the Holy Spirit will not be released. This wrongdoing will

follow them into the world to come and to the end of all days.”³⁰ He said this because they were saying of Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*), “He has an evil spirit.”

MORE VOICES 92

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ALL MY RELATIONS

³¹ Then his mother and brothers came to him outside the house and sent word to him to come out to them. ³² The crowd that was sitting in a circle around him said, “Look, your relatives are outside looking for you.” ³³ “Who are my relatives?” he asked them ³⁴ as he looked around the circle of people. “Here they are! ³⁵ The ones who walk in the ways of the Great Spirit are all my relatives – my mother, my brothers and my sister.”

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 “Family Values?”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Church – Take Me Back Brian Fowler, Micah Kuiper, Michael Cochren

There was a time that I swore I would never go back

I was blind to the truth didn't know what I had

I was running I was searching

But every place I turned for healing

Left me more broken than the last

Take me back

To the place that feels like home

To the people I can depend on

To the faith that's in my bones

Take me back to a preacher and a verse

Where they've seen me at my worst

To the love I had at first

Oh I want to go to church

Tried to walk on my own but I wound up lost
Now I'm making my way to the foot of the cross
It's not a trophy for the winners
It's a shelter for the sinners
And it's right where I belong

Take me back

To the place that feels like home
To the people I can depend on
To the faith that's in my bones
Take me back to a preacher and a verse
Where they've seen me at my worst
To the love I had at first
Oh I want to go to church
I want to go to church

Oh more than an obligation it's our foundation
The family of God
I know it's hard but we need each other
We're sisters and brothers oh

Take me back

To the place that feels like home
To the people I can depend on
To the faith that's in my bones
Take me back to a preacher and a verse
Where they've seen me at my worst
To the love I had at first
Oh I want to go to church
I want to go to church
Yes, I want to go to church
I want to go to church!

MISSION AND SERVICE STORY

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We dedicate these offerings we share with all our relations:
relations through our Mission and Service partners worldwide,
relationships we nurture with Indigenous neighbours,
relations which foster wholeness and healing for all people.
Bless what we give as well as who we are in our giving,
so you, Spirit God, breathe us into the world to make a difference. Amen.**

***MORE VOICES 150** Spirit God Be Our Breath

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

Make a Difference

Danny Gokey

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