

Kincardine United Church

Ascension Sunday

7th Sunday after Easter

May 21, 2023 9:30 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 Healey Willan

WELCOME *Karon Falk Licensed Lay Worship Leader*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

For thousands of years, First Nations peoples have walked this land, weaving their identity and their spirituality intimately with the land.

European colonisation came about in large part

because of the Doctrine of Discovery,

a flawed understanding that ignores Indigenous presence on the land.

Affirming the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

and, therefore, repudiating the wrong of such a doctrine, we begin our worship this morning by acknowledging the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.

We are all Treaty people, parties to Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836.

Keep us mindful of the covenants that have been made – and broken –
with First Nations peoples.

**May we grow into living with respect on this land,
walking into reconciliation through peace and friendship,
while honouring all who live, work and worship on it.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Intermezzo Healey Willan

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

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William S. Kervin, pg 81*

Holy God, you call us together

to reflect on your Word and our life in your world.

Be with us now as we sing and pray together,

That we may hear your voice and understand your way.

This we pray through Jesus, The Christ. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 213 Rejoice the Lord is King (v1, 2)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Gordon Dunbar, pg 47*

God wants to know how we are doing on our journey

of living and learning our faith, of taking advantage of a steadfast love.

We confess our blips and blurps in the process of the telling.

God of all,

you're asking an awful lot. It makes us a tad bit anxious.

You want us to surrender to you, opening our deepest selves

to your gaze.
We're anxious because so often, we don't reveal such depths,
not even to ourselves most times. And yet, God whispers to us,
**"Trust me. I love you. I want to know you from the inside out.
Nothing will ever change my love. Trust me in that love".**
So here goes, God, we're diving in and opening up.
Love us, we pray. (Silent Prayers)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Your serene trust in God's gracious love is healing.
No more hiding from God or ourselves.
By opening fully to God, we discover freedom and new life.
By becoming vulnerable, we are strengthened.
By deepening our relationship with God in trust, we are forgiven.
Indeed we are made new in order to better wrestle
with this world of possibilities-----
possibilities that include our own changed selves.
Thanks be to God.

VOICES UNITED 213 Rejoice the Lord is King (v3, 4)

SHARING TIME 'Turtle Island'

Jody Wilson-Raybould, 'Truth and Reconciliation' pg 34

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil
for the kingdom the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 93; VU 813, Refrain

***VOICES UNITED 266** Amazing Grace

BIBLE READING Luke 24: 44-53 in the New Testament

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 with the saints all have trod;
God is where Love is, for Love is of God.**

PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION

**Precious God, in this growing season of your earth's creation
may we take a closer look at our own growing.**

We need to grow, too.

**We yearn to grow our emotional, spiritual and intellectual horizons
to recognize your greater power of Love for all, everywhere.**

Amen.

REFLECTION "Possibilities"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Flowers Will Bloom in the Desert
Words by Walter Farquharson, Music by Ron Klusmeier

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving, Joyful God we ask your blessings on our givings.
They are a share of our time, our talents, and our earnings.
We treasure your steadfast love. It inspires us.
May our regular giving unite with your will for us
to create a better, more just, world.
This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

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

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT *Lead Me, God # 662 Voices United*
**Lead me, God, lead me in your righteousness;
make your way plain before my face.
For it is you, and you, God only,
who makes me to dwell in safety.**

POSTLUDE Preludium J. Krieger