



**Kincardine United Church  
5th Sunday of Lent  
March 18th, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

**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

*J.C. Kittel*

**WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT** Our Father

*G.P. Telemann*

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Come to acknowledge that it is always beginning,  
**for life is a cycle.**

Come to remember every moment is a beginning, every moment is an ending.  
**Life is a cycle – ever changing, never static.**

Life is a cycle in which we hear Jesus say,

“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains a single grain.”

**Life is a cycle –**

but in all the change, from birth to death and beyond, there is one constant:

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

Let us celebrate the gift of life’s cycle as we pray:

**Write your love on our hearts, God who re-writes us.**

**Place your call into the deepest depths of our souls.**

**Let your Spirit move us, change us, drop us into the earth –  
 nourishing us to grow in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**\*MORE VOICES 138** My Love Colours Outside the Lines

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (based on Psalm 51:1-12) **in unison**

**There are some things I can only share with you, God.**

**Decisions I have made that I regret, bringing brokenness into my living.**

**I offer my brokenness to you, risen Christ, as confession.**

**I open myself to you, cleansing Spirit, hoping for renewal and for wisdom.**

**Hear the prayers of my deepest self in my silent prayer.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE** (based on Psalm 51:1-12) **in unison**

**Thank you, loving God, forgiving Christ, transformative Spirit,**

**for you have put a new heart within me.**

**You didn’t look away but embraced my deepest self,**

**loving who I am so you can restore me to whom I will become,**

**promising to never abandon me but to always sustain me.**

**Thank you! Thank you. Thank you.**

**SHARING TIME** The Underwater Epileptic

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

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

**BIBLE READING** Jeremiah 31:31-34 in the Old Testament on page 735

**\*VOICES UNITED 186** Now the Green Blade Rises

**BIBLE READING** John 12:20-33 in the New Testament on page 106-107

**MEDITATION** "Fearing Death, Denying Life"

**GLORIA**

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.

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM** Lord Can You Hear Us Prayin'

*Price/Besig*

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY** Prelude in a minor

*J.S. Bach*

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN 543 VU** We Give Thee but Thine Own  
We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.  
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**  
Our covenant is lived out through the giving of our selves –  
our time, our talent and our treasure.  
Bless your promise of faith this morning through our sharing. Amen.

**\*MORE VOICES 176** Three Things I Promise

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG OF COMMITMENT 145 MV** Draw the Circle Wide  
Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,  
no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.  
Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.  
Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,  
no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

**POSTLUDE** Fugue in a minor

*J.S. Bach*



**AV MINISTRY TEAM** 📧 Mary Phillips & Dave Leaning

**COUNTERS** 💰 Don & Angela Hazlewood

**MARCH HOUSE LEADERS** 🏠 Joan and John Gillespie

**MUSIC** 🎵 David Hamilton, KUC Choir

**NURSERY ATTENDANT** ♦ Cindy Crowley

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER** ♦ Teresa Perfremment

**SCRIPTURE READER** 📖 Gerry Stephens

**SLIDE PRESENTATION** ♦ Sarah MacKenzie

**WORSHIP** 🕊️ Gord Dunbar