



Kincardine United Church
3rd Sunday after Lent
March 15, 2020 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 Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving

J. Brahms

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.

As we came to this land,

First Nations peoples welcomed us, sustained us and taught us.

We did not hear them when they shared their vision.

In our zeal to tell them the good news of Jesus Christ,
we were closed to the value of their spirituality.

We confused Western ways and culture

with the depth, breadth, length and height of the gospel of Christ.

We imposed our civilization as a condition of accepting the gospel.

As a result, the image of the Creator in us is twisted, blurred,
and we are not what we are meant by God to be.

**In our journey toward reconciliation, 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

J. C. Kittel

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come into Christ's unconditional welcome, hearts open with souls thirsting.

We come to discover the water of life from the deep well of faith.

Come into this space where God fills our hearts and our souls.

**We come, not to be overwhelmed and overcome,
but to listen, to understand, to grow and to transform.**

Come as Spirit-filled people as we commune as one in prayer:

**Loving God, surprise us with your words,
encounter us through our daily interactions with others,
strengthen us to dare to follow the Way of Jesus,
guide us to risk new relationships of self-giving,
nurture us as we bear fruit that nourishes an aching world.**

Amen.

***VOICES UNITED** 391 God Reveal Your Presence

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Silent Prayer)*

SHARING TIME Adults Say the Funniest Things

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 John 4:3b-15 from the paraphrase *The Message*

***MORE VOICES 81** Love Us into Fullness

BIBLE READING John 4:15-30 from the paraphrase *The Message*

DOXOLOGY Glory to You, My God #440 Voices United verse 5 only
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
in heaven above and earth below;
one God, three persons we adore –
be praises given forevermore.

MEDITATION Watering Parched Souls

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Steal Away

Spiritual arr. D. Hamilton

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Hey, God, it's just us – just this diverse crowd of people gathered.
 We come for your blessing on what we give,
 but also for your blessing for *who* we are becoming as we give.
 May “just us” by your blessing become the justice of discipleship. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 472** O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF COMMITMENT** I Have Called You by Your Name #161 More Voices
 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 Prelude in Bb

J.S. Bach