



**Kincardine United Church
2nd Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2019 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 I Call to Thee

Bach

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 more recently the Saugeen Metis, as well as 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 I Call to Thee

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open your hearts to God's love today.

In the midst of winter darkness, we seek the brightness of God's love.

Let us rejoice! God is with you.

With the Lord's help, we can overcome the darkness.

The Lord is your light and your salvation.

Even though everything around us can be upsetting, yet God's love is always with us. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Lord, we come to you this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk our Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us to discern who we are and what you would have us do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 111 "As the Sun with Longer Journey"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

There is a certain winter in our spirits today, O Lord.

Forgive us for the many times in which we have strayed from your pathway of life; when we have chosen not to hear the cries of those in need; when we have belittled the gifts and skills you have given us in order to avoid serving others. Heal us, O Lord. Place us back on your path to Jerusalem, to live and to love. We ask this in Jesus' name. *(Silent Prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING TIME Happy St. Patrick's Day!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (say together)

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 Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 page 198 in New Testament

***VOICES UNITED** 117 "Jesus Christ is Waiting"

BIBLE READING Luke 13: 31-35 page 77 in New Testatment

DOXOLOGY Gloria Patri

MEDITATION Real or Phony

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM I Want Jesus to Walk With Me *American Folk Hymn*

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (unison)

In glad and happy thanksgiving for all that we have received, we offer back to you now a portion of the bounty of our living, O God.

Take our treasures, talents and the time we offer in the community and bless them – and us - for the building up of your kin-dom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED** 642 "Be Thou My Vision"

SECOND LENTEN CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

***BENEDICTION** *An excerpt from St. Patrick's Breastplate (in unison)*

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields

and until we meet again,

may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

***SONG OF COMMITMENT #298 VU** "When You Walk From Here"

POSTLUDE Christ Lag in Todesbanden

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