



Kincardine United Church
4th Sunday after Lent
March 22, 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 Rhosymedre

R. Vaughn William

WELCOME

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 unceded 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

INTROIT Prelude

Merkel

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come into this virtual space, gathered as a cloud of witnesses.

**We come, from our living rooms, from our home offices,
from our phones, from our tablets, from our computers.**

Come and gather in spirit and in truth.

**We come in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic,
discovering new ways to worship as one,
leaning into the Spirit's guidance as we share the good news.**

Across this community and within our family of faith, let us pray as one:

Loving God, we've never done it this way before.

We feel at sea, unstable – with our footing insecure.

In our uncertainty, we come to commune with you, risen Christ.

We pray for your strength, for your humility, for your insight, for your caring.

May you heal what divides us that our hearts may be united. Amen.

***MORE VOICES** 1 Let Us Build a House

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Silent Prayer)*

SHARING TIME Who Says You Can't?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9mvRRwu5Gw>

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
may your name be made holy, may your dominion come,
may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today the bread we need;

and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors;
 and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.
 For yours is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

MASH-UP

JOHN 9:1-41

AND

VOICES UNITED #371 Open My Eyes That I May See

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 But It's Never Been Done That Way!

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

**Loving God, the life you give us and the bounty therein
 we encounter in the amazing web of interconnection
 and of interdependence in your good Creation.
 Bless us and our giving as we give back some of that bounty.
 May we find purpose in all our relations. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 509 I, The Lord of Sea and Sky**

***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 a minor

J.S. Bach