



**Kincardine United Church
3rd Sunday of Lent
March 24, 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

Nathan Williams

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 Chippewas of Nawash First Nation,
the Saugeen Ojibwe and, more recently, the Saugeen Metis.

**We are all Treaty people,
parties to the Upper Canada, Haldimand, Huron and Niagara Treaties.**

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
with all who live and work and worship on it.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Dearest Jesus

J.G. Walther

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Enter into worship through the doorway of the house of living faith.

**We come to be warmed by the Son's rise,
to be enveloped in the mystery of the Creator's handiwork,
to become one by the Spirit's invitation to gather.**

Come to grow as part of the living tree which is Good News.

**We come to root ourselves deeply in the soil of God's faithfulness,
to branch widely as we provide the shade of loving kindness,
to drink in the nourishment of the Light of the World.**

Come and soar like a kite on the wind, lovingly held in God's hands,
as we commune in prayer:

**Loving Parent, who patiently cares, teaches and guides each moment,
may you walk with us through each challenge in life,
through each tragedy and each joyous leap,
through every circumstance and every surprise.**

**We ask you not to protect us, but to share our living with us,
raising us to face each day with anticipation and with hope,
preparing us to become the maturity of your kin-dom. Amen.**

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**It's easy to follow you when life is good, O Christ,
but it is hard to follow when life is filled with pain.**

**We want to lash out, reaching for anything that provides a quick solution.
In our living, when difficult challenges arise and we don't know what to do,**

**we yearn for easy answers instead of mending difficult relationships.
In our struggling and in our wrestling, reveal to us our family of faith.
As head of the household, forgive us for the misguided choices we make,
nurturing us into living wholly by your Word.
(Silent Prayer)**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING TIME "Planting Seeds"

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(from Voices United #916)*

**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 MOVES AMONG US AS A FAMILY OF FAITH

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the congregation of Kincardine United Church,
I present Ursula and Bernd Portz and Alex Peroff
for membership in Kincardine United Church through profession of faith
and Kevin Hart for membership in Kincardine United Church
through certificate of transfer.

INTRODUCTION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you promise to resist evil,
turning away from sin and toward God, to live in love and justice?

I DO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD.

Do you believe in God, Source of Love,
in Jesus Christ, Love Incarnate
and in the Holy Spirit, Love's Power?

I DO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD.

Will you join with the people of this family of faith
in the mission and the ministry of Christ's Church?

I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.

***CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT**

Let us pledge to Bernd, Kevin, Alex and Ursula our support and our care.
**As a congregation which seeks to foster a journey of spiritual growth
through hospitality, service, fellowship and study and, in community,**

to build up the ministry of every person
and together experience God's abundant love and grace,
we commit ourselves to support you, to walk with you
and to grow with you within this faith community.

***VOICES UNITED** 918 A New Creed

WELCOME

Into union with Christ, into the household of faith,
we welcome you with joy and with thanksgiving.

We are members of the body of Christ.

We are inheritors of God's promise.

Kevin, Alex, Bernd and Ursula, in the name of Christ we welcome you!

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING 1st Corinthians 10:1-5 from *The Message*

***VOICES UNITED** 288 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

BIBLE READING Luke 13:6-9 from *The Message*

DOXOLOGY Gloria Patri

**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.**

MEDITATION "Being There"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Steal Away

Spiritual, arr. D. Hamilton

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER AND LENTEN CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

As we offer ourselves as part of your loving, giving family, O God,
**we offer to give up those ways we poison our relationships,
extinguishing our desperate need for approval and for adoration,
embracing our membership within the family of the living Christ,
choosing to live in love and in wholeness.**

(Third Lenten Candle is Extinguished)

**Bless us as we dedicate our thoughts, words and actions –
our time, talent and treasure – to your leading, O Spirit. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 600** “When I Needed a Neighbour”

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF COMMITMENT #298 VU “When You Walk from Here”**
When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God’s humble care.

POSTLUDE

Nathan Williams



AV MINISTRY TEAM	👥	Mary & John Phillips, Jim Zarubick
COUNTERS	👤	Bernd & Ursula Portz
MARCH HOUSE LEADERS	👥	John & Joan Gillespie
MUSIC	🎵	David Hamilton, KUC Choir
NURSERY ATTENDANT	♦	Thank you
SCRIPTURE READER	📖	Rad Michielson
SLIDE PRESENTATION	♦	Sarah MacKenzie
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER	♦	Catharine Crawford
WORSHIP	🕊️	Gord Dunbar, Kerry Stover