



Kincardine United Church
4th Sunday of Lent
March 31, 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 TBA

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously
the commitments made to First Nations communities
through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,
especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

**Therefore, 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 and SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

GATHERING WORDS and LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE *(inspired by Luke 15: 1-3,
11b-32, written by Roddy Hamilton and posted on Mucky Paws)*

let this be the welcoming place
the place of return

**and let it be built by a love
that bends towards those who return here**
for it is a love that has been waiting
like a candle in the window
ever lighting the way back
**and never willing to let go
the hope that each child
will return home.**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

let it be the place where
the only appropriate response
to love that which has come to the end of its longing
is to kill the fatted calf,
feast and celebrate
send up balloons
and prepare the party
for that which has been lost
has returned to be among us
once more.

PRAYER OF APPROACH *inspired by 2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

God of steadfast love and mercy,
remind us once again that in Jesus Christ
everything has become new.
We look for your promised newness
and at different times, cannot see it.
Speak to us again of your new creation.
Open our eyes to your love in our lives.
Call us forth to claim this newness,
that we may be healed and made whole. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 232** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) *inspired by Luke 15*

Loving God,
when we wander to distant places,
you watch the road to greet us
when we finally come home.

Whenever we are far from you,
 remind us that we are your beloved children
 and give us the strength and courage
 to return to your open arms.
 When we have sinned against and before you,
 forgive us, for we are coming home. Amen.
(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 New Testament page 181

SHARING TIME PLAY TIME

BIBLE READING Luke 15: 3, 11b-32 New Testament page 78-79

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GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

SPECIAL MUSIC:

HOMeward

IT'S ALWAYS JESUS

GRACE (with KUC Choir)

MAY GOD BLESS YOU (with KUC Choir)

Katrena Johnston: Bass & Vocals, Glenn Higgins; Saxophone and Vocals

Wally Jirgens: Keyboard, Guitar, Vocals and Composer

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (say together. see screens.)

OFFERING DEDICATION

***VOICES UNITED** 556 "Would you Bless Our Homes and Families"

EXTINGUISHING THE 4th LENTEN CANDLE

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE Prelude in C

J.S. Bach