



**Kincardine United Church  
Transfiguration Sunday  
March 3, 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** Trio

*Armsdorff*

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and of their spirituality.

**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.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **GOD GATHERS US**

**INTROIT**      Prelude

*J.C. Kittel*

## **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *based on lectionary readings for Transfiguration Sunday*

Today we are celebrating the holy light that illuminated Jesus.

We celebrate his transfiguration on the mountain.

**Light of light: transfusing & transforming light.**

**Divine light flooding out the shadows.**

**Light of love, light of delight.**

**Light that turns doubters into followers.**

It is the same God who at the beginning said:

“Let there be light,”

who has shone in our hearts with an understanding  
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**God the Eternal,**

**you speak and summon the whole earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

**From God’s holy mountain, God’s light,  
the perfection of beauty, shines out.**

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Holy One,

We come before you in our time of worship today;  
many of us are feeling like we have climbed a part of the mountain.

There is more of a climb remaining for each of us;  
to dream that we might be dazzled by what is Divine.

**Lead us Lord,**

**to the top of the mountain,  
where we might be dazzled by your Light,**

**lifted by what is Holy,  
filled by the sheer delight of what illuminates, empowers,  
grounds us and makes us whole.**

**We pray this, for ourselves, for one another,  
and for the communities in which we live. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 473** “Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (responsive)

Creator,

we admit that we are often afraid to come near you.

**We can spend so much time gazing in the mirror of our longings, that we are unable to see the faces etched with loneliness, hollowed by hunger, overshadowed by hopelessness.**

You reveal the mystery of your grace, Holy One, by pouring out mercy upon us.

**As you listen, may we speak your love to all those around us.**

**As you call us into your presence, you send us out to do your justice which brings hope to the world.**

**This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Saviour, our Love.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

#### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE** (responsive)

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our hopes and in our hearts,

God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves!

**By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**SHARING TIME** Shine On with God's Light

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(we sing)*

**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**

\***MORE VOICES** 115 "Behold, Behold I make all things"

**BIBLE READING** Luke 9: 28-36 page 69 - 70 in the New Testament

**DOXOLOGY VU** 268 "Bring Many Names" verse 6 only

**MEDITATION** A Starting Point

#### **GOD WELCOMES US AT THE TABLE**

**ANTHEM** We Will Walk In The Light

*Price/Besig*

#### **INVITATION**

Come to the feast of light, love and forgiveness.

Come to the feast, for everyone is welcome.

God has drawn you to this place and time; a time to heal, a time to rejoice.

Come and share with all those who seek a transforming relationship with Christ.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up our hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give God thanks and praise.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Creator, Parent, Friend;

we are blessed to be a witness to Your grace and love.

**As the disciples, Peter, James, and John, were humbled by the magnificence of Your Holy presence, we too are illumined by the glory of Your presence in our lives. Though it is a hard burden, we ask for that double share of spirit, hoping to serve all of humanity by testifying to Your love, grace, and forgiveness for all people.**

Holy are you, Wonders of wonders,  
and your Beloved reigns in peace.

**He silenced our complaints and rumblings,  
so we might hang on to every  
word of hope, of joy.**

**He went to the cross,  
removing the mask of death,  
so we could see the face  
of an empty threat.**

**As we celebrate your Beloved,  
as we prepare to listen to him with our lives,  
we speak of that mystery we call faith:**

**Christ has died, to pull aside the curtain of death;  
Christ is risen, to reveal the promise of new life;  
Christ will come again, to show us the love of God.**

### **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

Holy and loving God, whose nature and ways are far beyond our understanding, we thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus. He lets us see your face in his, who shows us your love in his actions, your grace in his manner of being.

Lord of Peace, we often find ourselves weary, tired out by responsibility and concern. We hunger and thirst, and often fail to stop to eat and drink at the table you have prepared for us. Lord, we are here now and we ask you; grant us a glimpse of your glory; fill us with your spirit; refresh us and make us new.

Loving God, we pray that your glory may fill your church and give to your people everywhere the energy to shine wherever there is darkness, distrust, persecution, or despair.

Father, we pray for those whose names are upon our hearts. Grant to them health and wholeness, peace and joy, strength and hope.

*(silent prayer)*

Give us all, O Lord, a greater love of your holiness, a greater delight in your mystery, and a greater joy in seeking your presence. We ask it through Christ Jesus. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT'S BLESSING**

As we gather around your table,  
pour out the blessings of your Spirit,  
transforming the simple gifts of bread and wine  
into that grace which changes our lives.

As we feed upon the Word  
 which is broken and poured out for us,  
 we would go forth to speak boldly:  
**reading a story to a lonely child,  
 advocating for the voiceless,  
 telling your good news to those who wander in despair.**

As your Cup of Peace fills us,  
 we would go out into the world,  
**learning that where we do justice  
 for the oppressed and rejected,  
 we find ourselves in your presence.**

So then, when all time comes to an end  
 and we are gathered in your glory  
 with our sisters and brothers  
 around the Feast of Grace,  
**we will sing your grace forever and ever,  
 God of Light in Love, Holy in One. Amen.**

## **FRACTION**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*Communion will be served at the front of the church.*

*The ushers will direct you forward using the centre aisle to receive the bread,  
 to receive the small glass of grape juice, to prayerfully partake of each,  
 and return to your seat using the side aisles.*

***Gluten-free crackers are available separately from the bread.***

*Please let an usher know if you wish to be served in your seat.*

*An appropriate response when receiving the bread or grape juice is "Amen."*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Loving God,

**the transforming light of your love shines within us as we have seen Jesus on the mountaintop  
 of mystery.**

The wonder of this moment, through bread and wine,  
**enable us to serve others in the broken valleys of life.**

We give thanks for the newness of life,  
**the joy of laughter in our hearts, the words of life on our lips,  
 that enrich us to become one with each other. Amen.**

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

### **OFFERING PRAYER (unison)**

Gracious God,  
**upon this bright mountain**  
**you bless us with your presence**  
**and shower us with the gift of your grace.**  
**May our offering be used to reflect that bright grace**  
**in a world in desperate need of it. Amen.**

\***VOICES UNITED** 651 “Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah”

\***BENEDICTION**

\***SONG OF COMMITMENT** 37 VU “Gloria”

**POSTLUDE** Fughetta in c minor

*J. Krieger*



**AV MINISTRY TEAM** 📺 Thank you  
**COMMUNION SERVERS** ♦ Barry Schmidt, Morgan Johnston,  
 Doris Bradley  
**COUNTERS** 💰 Don & Angela Hazlewood  
**MARCH HOUSE LEADERS** 🏠 John & Joan Gillespie  
**MUSIC** 🎵 David Hamilton, KUC Choir  
**NURSERY ATTENDANT** ♦ Fran Gannett  
**SCRIPTURE READER** 📖 Pam Plagos  
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER** ♦ Catharine Crawford  
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