

# Kincardine United Church

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 3rd, 2024 11:00 a.m.

**Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.**

\*invites you to stand as you are able.

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### **MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP**

Brahm's Waltz

Johannes Brahms, arranged by John Kinyon

Let My People Go

arranged by John Kinyon

A Stately March

G. F. Handel, arranged by John Kinyon

### **PRELUDE**

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Paul Curnow

### **WELCOME**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge that we are gathered  
on the traditional territory of First Nations Peoples –

Peoples who have lived on this land and by these waters for thousands of years.

**We gather as a non-Indigenous community of faith**

**on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe Nation,**

**giving gratitude for their stewardship through the ages.**

We are newcomers to this land and we have gained so much in coming.

**Our gain, however, has come at a great cost to First Nations Peoples.**

We acknowledge that we have gained much within racist systems of our creation,  
systems which have benefitted those who are white, Christian and heterosexual.

**Our acknowledgement is only the beginning of our journey toward reconciliation,  
toward healing of all our relations with those we have belittled in this culture.**

Our words must now be followed up with action.

**We pray the Holy Spirit breathes forgiveness, hope and love**

**into all our relations and sets us free from the evil of colonialism.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### GOD GATHERS US

**INTROIT**    Be Still and Know that I Am God                      Paul Rumbolt, arr. by Don Eyre

#### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Welcome to all seeking justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God.

**We long to be liberated from all that harms well-being –  
both ours and the well-being of others.**

Welcome to all who are unsure, doubtful or skeptical.

**We come in all our tangled diversity to worship.**

All are welcome in this place as we pray:

**We long to turn the world upside down, Creator God.**

**The world we have co-created with you needs liberation.**

**WE need liberation.**

**Sometimes we're not sure what chains us nor how we chain ourselves.**

**Open our understanding that we might perceive your loving connection.**

**Release our clenched fists to freely care for one another.**

**Nourish our withered hearts that we may love even ourselves. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 657**    He Leadeth Me

**SHARING TIME**    Turning the World Upside Down

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER 960 VU *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

**VOICES UNITED 701**    What Does the Lord Require of You (*Teach verse 1*)

#### BIBLE READING    1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18-19 from *The Message*

18-21 The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hellbent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense.

This is the way God works, and most powerfully as it turns out. It's written,

I'll turn conventional wisdom on its head,

I'll expose so-called experts as shams.

**VOICES UNITED 701**      What Does the Lord Require of You (*Teach verse 2*)

**BIBLE READING**    1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:20-21 from *The Message*

So where can you find someone truly wise, truly educated, truly intelligent in this day and age? Hasn't God exposed it all as pretentious nonsense? Since the world in all its fancy wisdom never had a clue when it came to knowing God, God in his wisdom took delight in using what the world considered stupid—*preaching*, of all things!—to bring those who trust him into the way of salvation.

**VOICES UNITED 701**      What Does the Lord Require of You (*Teach verse 3*)

**BIBLE READING**    1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:22-25 from *The Message*

<sup>22-25</sup> While Jews clamour for miraculous demonstrations and Greeks go in for philosophical wisdom, we go right on proclaiming Christ, the Crucified. Jewish authorities treat this like an *anti*-miracle—and Greeks pass it off as absurd. But to us who are personally called by God himself—both Jews and Greeks—Christ is God's ultimate miracle and wisdom all wrapped up in one. Human wisdom is so cheap, so impotent, next to the seeming absurdity of God. Human strength can't begin to compete with God's "weakness."

**VOICES UNITED 701**      What Does the Lord Require of You (*As a round*)

**BIBLE READING**    John 2:13-22 from the New Testament

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup> Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup> The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**DOXOLOGY 104 MV** (*sung twice*) "Know That God Is Good"

**Know that God is good, know that God is good,  
know that God is good, God is good, God is good.**

**PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION**

**REFLECTION**      "Imagine!"

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**ANTHEM**

Psalm of Quietness

John F. Wilson

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Donating our time and our resources like this, O God, is a revolutionary act. It turns our world of “me first” upside down. It liberates us to seek justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with you. May you bless what we offer ensuring liberation may thrive – both within ourselves and within the world – in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**\*MORE VOICES 138**

My Love Colours Outside the Lines

**BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT** “Go Now in Peace” # 964 *Voices United*

**Go now in peace, go now in peace.**

**May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

**POSTLUDE**

Tannhauser March

Richard Wagner, arr. by Ken Henderson