



## Kincardine United Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Lent

March 8, 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**

Kyrie

*Couprin*

**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

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### GOD GATHERS US

**MUSICAL INTROIT** Voluntary I

Stanley

### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*(from a service commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lydia Gruchy's ordination)*

Darkness is a wonder to be explored,  
 full of Holy Mystery.  
 In the dark, we can find comfort and rest.  
 In the night, we are reminded of how a candlelight  
 is a small and mighty flicker of resilience and resistance.  
*(pause for lighting of Christ Candle)*

**We gather today to worship the One  
 who surprises us with wonder,  
 who challenges our comfort,  
 and who supports our resilience.  
 We follow the One who says "I am the light" -  
 always.**

### OPENING PRAYER

**\*OPENING HYMN** Spirit Dancing 388 Voices United

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

May we confess, as Jesus did in the wilderness.  
 Gracious God forgive those things we have done which have caused you sadness,  
 and those things we should have done that would have brought you joy.  
 In both we have failed ourselves, and you.  
 Bring us back to that place where our journey began,  
 when we said that we would follow you.

*Silence*

Let us confess together...  
**Holy One, who is able to make all things new,  
 we are thankful for the gift of each day  
 being an opportunity to do better, to be better.  
 We ask forgiveness for wanting new life  
 without being willing to die to old ways of being.  
 Forgive us for doubting that new life, rebirth is possible.  
 Midwife our spirits,  
 that we may be born into a new state of consciousness;  
 that we may be born from above.**

**SHARING TIME** Wonder(ful) Women!

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (say together)

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**

**HEBREW LESSON**      Genesis 12:1-4a    page 10 in the Old Testament

**\*MORE VOICES**    161    I Have Called You By Your Name

**GOSPEL LESSON**      John 3:1-17    page 93 in the New Testament

**DOXOLOGY**      Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty    verse 4 only    VU#315  
**Holy, holy, holy!**  
**Lord God almighty!**  
**All thy works shall praise thy name**  
**in earth and sky and sea,**  
**holy, holy, holy,**  
**merciful and mighty**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**SERMON**      Life in the Whole

**ANTHEM**      Lead Me Lord

*S.S. Wesley*

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND****OFFERING INVITATION****OFFERING PRAYER** (in unison)

**New life is your gift to us, O God; may these gifts bring new life.**  
**Hope to the despairing,**  
**confidence to the faltering,**  
**peace to the suffering,**  
**faith to the doubting,**  
**a word to the questioning,**  
**a light for the dying.**  
**Bless these our gifts, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ,**  
**your blessing for us. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**    God Says    172    More Voices

**BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT**    Three Things I Promise    MV176 verse 1

**Three Things I promise, Holy God,**  
**In age and youth, in life and death;**  
**to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,**  
**and listen for the Spirit's breath.**

**POSTLUDE**      Fugue

*Selby*