

Kincardine United Church

1st Sunday in Lent

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PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me

Arr. David Hamilton

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

May the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Lead Me Lord

S.S. Wesley

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We live in the shelter of the Most High,
We abide in the shadow of Almighty God.

Let us worship God who is our refuge and our strength,
For God is the One in whom we trust.

So let us praise God, in song and in silence, with thankful hearts!
We will worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength, now and always.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Holy and merciful God
you are our refuge and strength,
we rejoice in your grace and love
which has called creation into being,
and makes all life complete.
We praise you for Jesus Christ
who reveals your loving purposes for all people.
We bless you for the Holy Spirit
who guides us and strengthens us,
drawing us into the embrace of your tender love.
And so we praise you, O God,
our eternal, creating father who loves us with motherly care,
united with Christ, our saviour,
and your Holy Spirit, the breath of life,
Three in One, now and always. AMEN

VOICES UNITED #559 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in things we have done,
and things we have neglected to do.
We have held back from giving
to protect what we have.
We have not trusted in your goodness
and relied on the world's empty promises instead.
Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall become.
Help us to serve you
by serving your world with generous spirits.
In the name of Jesus our Saviour we pray.

SHARING TIME Wrapped in God's Love

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

BIBLE READING 1Kings 17:1-7 in the Old Testament

Elijah Predicts a Drought

17 Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As
the LORD the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall

be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”² The word of the LORD came to him, saying,³ “Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan.”⁴ You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”⁵ So he went and did according to the word of the LORD; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan.⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the wadi.⁷ But after a while the wadi dried up because there was no rain in the land.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm #98 VU#818 No refrain

Sing to God a new song,

for God has done marvellous things.

Your right hand and your holy arm have brought victory.

You have made known your salvation,

and revealed before the nations your saving power.

You have remembered your steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel;

**all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation
of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

break into joyous praise, sing psalms.

Sing psalms to God with the harp,

with the harp and melodious voice.

With trumpets, and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before our sovereign God.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,

the world, and its inhabitants.

Let the rivers clap their hands,

the hills sing together for joy before God.

You come to judge the earth, O God,

**to judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

MORE VOICES #79 Spirit, Open My Heart

BIBLE READING Romans 5:1-5 in the New Testament

Results of Justification

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access^[b] to this grace in which we stand, and we^[c] boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we^[d] also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

DOXOLOGY MV#104 Know That God is Good (*Sing 2x*)

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

REFLECTION Side Effects

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Listen to the Word Which God Has Spoken

MISSION & SERVICE – Janis McKean

OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we thank you for all the goodness we receive in Christ and in creation.

Bless the gifts we offer to share in the work of the kingdom Jesus declared,

and bless our lives so that we may be witnesses to his love and mercy.

Amen

VOICES UNITED #234 Let Us All With Gladsome Mind

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT VU#964 Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

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

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune *Paul Fey*