



Kincardine United Church
5th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

May 10, 2020 10:30 a.m.

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 Prelude No. 3

J.C. Kittel

WELCOME

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 Saugeen Ojibwe.**

We are all Treaty people, parties to Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836.

**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,
while honouring all who live, work and worship on it.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**GOD GATHERS US**

INTROIT Prelude No. 2

J.C. Kittel

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Take a deep breath. Can you smell it? It's the aroma of fresh-baked cookies.

It's Mother God's invitation to gather in the warm, loving embrace of family.

Are you kidding? We can't smell anything through our screens.

Don't you know we are sequestering at home to keep everyone safe?

Ah, but mothering God makes a home wherever her family resides,

sheltering us like a mother hen gathers her chicks under the safety of her wings,

fussing over us all in preparation for this family gathering.

Now we understand. You were speaking figuratively.

We must admit, there is real comfort and familiarity within this gathered family,

imagining and relishing the homey smells of Mom's baking,

grinning to ourselves at all the fuss in each aspect of her preparation,

but relaxing in trust because love freely flows, uniting each of us.

As we settle into the warm embrace of *She Who Is*, we pray together:

On this mothering Sunday, O God, we snuggle into your arms.

When we feel fear at the uncertainty arising out of this pandemic,

we home into the comfort of your wisdom and the assurance of your love.

Set the compass of our hearts to your self-giving.

Nurture our loving through the risky daring of your compassion.

Teach our souls the possibilities of mutual relationships with diverse people,

inviting even our enemies into the wholeness of your grace. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 240** Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME "The United Church of Canada Crest"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Mother who art within us,

your Wisdom come, your will be done,

unfolding the depths within us.

Each day you give us all that we need.

You remind us of our limits and we let go.

You support us in our power and we act with courage.

For thou art the dwelling place within us and the celebration among us,
now and forever more. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Colossians 1:15-20 in the New Testament page 200

***MORE VOICES** 121 Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!

BIBLE READING John 17:17-26 in the New Testament page 111-112

DOXOLOGY Glory to You, My God #440 Voices United verse 5 only
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
in heaven above and earth below;
one God, three persons we adore –
be praises given forevermore.

MEDITATION United, Uniting, or Arrogant?

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Loving God, you have given us everything and given it abundantly.
 At your knee, you have taught us to share with others,
 repeating this teaching of generosity until it has sunk in soul deep.
 Bless our living into your instruction, into your wisdom by giving,
 that we may become ever more your family of blessings. Amen.

***MORE VOICES** 150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF COMMITMENT** I Have Called You by Your Name #161 More Voices
 I have given you a name, it is mine;
 I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
 With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
 go and tell my precious people they are mine.

POSTLUDE Fughetta in g minor

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