

# Kincardine United Church

## 7th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024 11:00 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

### WELCOME

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

*(Slightly modified from the one used at Saugeen Wesley United Church)*

For thousands of years,

First Nations people have lived on this land and by these waters;  
this relationship is at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

**We are gathered as a non-Indigenous community of faith  
on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation,  
and acknowledge their stewardship through the ages.**

We seek to live together in respect, friendship and peace.

**Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### GOD GATHERS US

### INTROIT

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Welcome into this ordinary space of stone and glass, of wood and carpet,

of screens and cameras, of pews and pulpit.

**We come into this ordinary space as ordinary people –  
flawed yet overflowing with potential, weary yet yearning for hope,  
older yet enlivened by good news,  
doubtful yet longing for meaning and purpose within community.**

Come let us worship, trusting the yeasty Spirit to transform us by rising within –  
even when we feel punched down too often by life.

**We come,**

**uncertain we have the strength, the wisdom or the daring to keep rising.**

Let us, therefore, centre ourselves within divine nurture through prayer:

**In our uncertainty, O Spirit, plant your seeds of daring,  
equipping us with the strength and the wisdom to act in love.**

**In the gift of our humanity, Son of Man,  
inspire us to embrace who we are created to become.**

**In our ordinariness, O God,  
breathe your divine spark within us, making our faith a verb.**

**Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 218** We Praise You, O God

**SHARING TIME** What Is a Mom?

### **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** John 17:6-11a from The Message

I spelled out your character in detail

To the men and women you gave me.

They were yours in the first place;

Then you gave them to me,

And they have now done what you said.

They know now, beyond the shadow of a doubt,

That everything you gave me is firsthand from you,

For the message you gave me, I gave them;

And they took it, and were convinced

That I came from you.

They believed that you sent me.

I pray for them.

I'm not praying for the God-rejecting world

But for those you gave me,  
For they are yours by right.  
Everything mine is yours, and yours mine,  
And my life is on display in them.  
For I'm no longer going to be visible in the world;  
They'll continue in the world  
While I return to you.  
Holy Father, guard them as they pursue this life  
That you conferred as a gift through me,  
So they can be one heart and mind  
As we are one heart and mind.  
As long as I was with them, I guarded them  
In the pursuit of the life you gave through me;

**\*MORE VOICES 154**      Deep in Our Hearts

**BIBLE READING**    John 17:11-19 from The Message

As long as I was with them, I guarded them  
In the pursuit of the life you gave through me;  
I even posted a lookout.  
And not one of them got away,  
Except for the rebel bent on destruction  
(the exception that proved the rule of Scripture).  
<sup>13-19</sup> Now I'm returning to you.  
I'm saying these things in the world's hearing  
So my people can experience  
My joy completed in them.  
I gave them your word;  
The godless world hated them because of it,  
Because they didn't join the world's ways,  
Just as I didn't join the world's ways.  
I'm not asking that you take them out of the world  
But that you guard them from the Evil One.  
They are no more defined by the world  
Than I am defined by the world.  
Make them holy—consecrated—with the truth;  
Your word is consecrating truth.  
In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world,  
I give them a mission in the world.  
I'm consecrating myself for their sakes  
So they'll be truth-consecrated in their mission.

**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      “Being There, Being Human”

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

ANTHEM                      Praise the Lord                      Hal Hopson

**MISSION AND SERVICE STORY**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

As you have blessed us, loving God,  
    so may we bless others through what we give.  
Take these offerings as our active engagement in the world,  
    fostering relationships with unexpected places and people.  
Through the power of the Spirit, may we make a difference in Jesus’ name.  
Amen.

\*VOICES UNITED 560      O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

**BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT** (*sung twice*) “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**