



Kincardine United Church

6th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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 Voluntary II

Thomas Tomkins, Edited by Denis Stevens

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

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

As we came to this land,

First Nations peoples welcomed us, sustained us and taught us.

We did not hear them when they shared their vision.

In our zeal to tell them the good news of Jesus Christ,
we were closed to the value of their spirituality.

We confused Western ways and culture

with the depth, breadth, length and height of the gospel of Christ.

We imposed our civilization as a condition of accepting the gospel.

As a result, the image of the Creator in us is twisted, blurred,
and we are not what we are meant by God to be.

In our journey toward reconciliation, 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

INTROIT Voluntary I

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Take a deep breath. Now, take another deep breath and hold it.

The air in our lungs is shared among us all – even across the distance.

Okay, but we are all in our separate homes no matter how much we breathe.

How can we consider ourselves gathered as one for worship when apart?

The atmosphere we breathe is no different than the Spirit which unites us.

We cannot see it – yet it surrounds us, it is within us and it moves despite us.

So, we are connected through the Spirit's divine presence?

Our invisible advocate provides the sinews of our connection?

Yes, so come to share this time of worship, drawn together by the Spirit's power.

Come as we enter the intimacy of prayer, together within God's heart:

Pervasive Spirit, thank you for the community you push us to enjoy.

Thank you for the subtle yet powerful manner by which you move us.

Be our healing presence when we feel wounded by our isolation.

Be our strength when we despair in our helplessness against a virus.

Be our courage to step outside of our comfort to connect one with each other.

We ask it all in the name of Jesus, who promised your advocacy. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 333** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Silent Prayer)*

SHARING TIME "Is God Our Friend?"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 1st Peter 3:13-18 from the paraphrase *The Message*

***VOICES UNITED 556** Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

BIBLE READING John 14:15-21 in the New Testament page 109

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 Paying Attention

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

Loving God, we offer our gifts for your blessing.
 As you have transformed us by your Spirit's presence –
 weaving us into a beautiful tapestry of right relation –
 may you bless us and our giving for all our relations.
 By your blessing may we become ever more your people,
 ever more intentionally aware of our interdependence. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 570** Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary in D Major

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