



**Kincardine United Church  
5th Sunday of Easter  
May 19, 2019 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** Introducing Hymn MV 62 "There is Room for All"

**WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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 Chippewas of Nawash First Nation,**

**the Saugeen Ojibway, and more recently the Saugeen Metis,**

**as well as 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.**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT** Liturgical Prelude 2

*Oldroyd*

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)**

People of God,

look around and see the faces of those we know and love.

**We come as neighbours and friends, as sisters and brothers -  
a community of kindred hearts.**

People of God,  
look around and see the faces of those we hardly know.

**We come as strangers, visitors, forgotten friends –  
the ones who need an outstretched hand.**

People of God  
look around and see all the images of God assembled here.

**In me, in you, in each of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.**

People of God, come.

**Let us worship together as we sing.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 395** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

In this safe place, O God,  
help us to open our hearts to those who are not like us.

When we are tempted to turn our backs,  
let us face each other with a smile,  
with an outstretched hand of friendship.

When we allow prejudice and ignorance to blind us,  
open our eyes to see the world with love.

When we are afraid of differences,  
help us find courage to meet each other with grace.

When we hide among those who are like us,  
help us step out to join those who are unlike us.

As we confess our fear of differences,  
open us to your love for all.

(silent prayer)

Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**SHARING TIME** The Same But Different

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

Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, they 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** Acts 11:1-18 New Testament page 130

**\*MORE VOICES 62** "There is Room for All" (sing twice)

**BIBLE READING** John 13:31-35 New Testament page 108

**GLORIA**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

**MEDITATION** Expanding Our Table

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM** Down to the River to Pray

*Medma/McDonald*

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Loving God, as your Son decreed,  
your gift of love is offered to all of your children.  
You wait expectantly to hear our response.

In this hushed moment, we respond by offering our time,  
our talents and our resources for your use in our community and world.  
Bless us, our gifts and our giving, we pray. Amen.

**\*VOICES UNITED 574** “Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love”

**BENEDICTION**

**GRACE**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT 145 MV** Draw the Circle Wide

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

**Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God’s call.**

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

**POSTLUDE** Tocatta on Praise to the Lord

*Micheelsen*