

Kincardine United Church

3rd

Sunday after Easter

May 1, 2022 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 Our Father in Heaven BWV 636 J. S. Bach

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 traditional 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

MUSICAL INTROIT Our Father in Heaven Marcel Dupré

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

God welcomes each one of us into this space –
people on Zoom, people in person and people watching this broadcast.

We breathe deeply the rich atmosphere of God's loving presence.

The risen Christ welcomes our growing into living God's love.

We grin at Christ's expansive, unconditional promise of new life.

The movement of the Spirit pushes us into spaces of equity and of justice.

We dare to kindle an aching world with the spark of good news.

As we come, we join our hearts with God's as we pray:

God who is loving community,

we come as a community of faith gathered in Jesus' name.

Teach us to turn away from discrimination to inclusion,

from rage and polarization to collaboration and empathy,

from cynicism and apathy to vibrant engagement.

We pray that you will ever be the strong vessel of our mission,

the safe mooring in which we become your crew

and the wind in our sails of understanding. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 658** O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME Stolen Words

written by Melanie Florence and illustrated by Gabrielle Grimard.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *We Sing*

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 Revelation 5:11-14 from the New Testament page 248.

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

***MORE VOICES 162** Christ Within Us Hidden

BIBLE READING Acts 9:1-6 from the New Testament page 127.

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

DOXOLOGY Love Is the Touch #89 *More Voices* (verse 4 only)

**Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

MEDITATION Shame on You!

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

CHOIR ANTHEM I will arise and go to Jesus Early American Folk Hymn.
Arranged by Susan Byler

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**What we dedicate to you this morning, O God,
we offer for your mission in the world.**

Bless each of us and all that we give to nurture the world into wholeness.

In our giving,

may we become ever more your disciples for hope and for justice.

Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 567** Will You Come and Follow Me

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT I Have Called You by Your Name

#161 *More Voices* (verse 4 only)

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 Prelude in C major BWV 553 J. S. Bach