



## Kincardine United Church

### 4th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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** Liebster Jesu, Wir Sing Hier

*J.S. Bach*

## **WELCOME**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

Kincardine United Church takes seriously

the commitments made to First Nations communities

through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,

especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

**Therefore, 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 Liebster Jesu, Wir Sing Hier

*Marcel Dupré*

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Hey, everyone! It's good to see you all gathered together for worship.

**Except there are only four of you in the worship space**

**while the rest of us are watching on TV, on computers or on tablets.**

**How is that together? Besides, we know YOU can't really see us.**

Good question.

However, in Jesus' last appearance among the disciples in Matthew's Gospel,  
he promised he was with us "until the end of the age."

If we can't perceive Jesus' presence with our physical senses  
but we believe we are still intimately connected,  
then all of us are similarly connected over the distance.

**Well, since we are, indeed, gathered electronically as a family of faith,**

**since we long for worship celebrating our intimate relationship with God –**

**and with each other – we come to praise the One who invites us.**

As Jesus showed us how to give of ourselves, let us give ourselves to God in prayer:

**Loving God, we're here in many places and in many ways.**

**Some of us are exhausted, some of us are bored, some of us are stir-crazy,**

**some of us are drained, some of us are energized,**

**some of us are at our wit's end and some of us are afraid –**

**yet we all yearn for your transforming hope.**

**Root us deeply within your heart that we may be nourished by the Spirit.**

**Heal our hearts as your cup of grace overflows for all of us.**

**Braid us into a strong cord of faithful sharing and of intentional self-giving,**

**following the Way Jesus modelled for us all.**

**May it be so in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*MORE VOICES 30** It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Silent Prayer)*

SHARING TIME "How Do We Share While Physically Distant?"

### 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** Philippians 2:1-11 in the New Testament page 197

**\*MORE VOICES** 135 Called by Earth and Sky

**BIBLE READING** Acts 2:42-47 from the paraphrase *The Message*

**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** Sharing is Caring – and Faithful, too!

### **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

We offer to you, O God, these portions of our living:  
our lives, our money, our talents and our time.

Bless who we are becoming as you encourage and lead us.  
Bless those we touch by our giving in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*VOICES UNITED** 589 Lord, Speak to Me

**\*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** Fugue in C Major

*J.S. Bach*