

Kincardine United Church

3rd Sunday of Easter

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KUCIE Music

For the Beauty of the Earth *by F.S. Pierpont, C. Kocher, arr. John Kinyon*
Two Welsh Songs *Belwin Mills, traditional, arr. John Edmondson*

PRELUDE (AV records)

Breathe on me Breathe of God

William Himes

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAND

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 God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *read by Dotty McClelland*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Jesus came to share the good news of God. He came to share in our joy and sorrows so we may know God more fully. Let us take a moment to greet our neighbour this morning.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

As I light the Christ Candle let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Deep Harmony *arr Don Eyre*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to be the church.

We come to learn from the lessons Jesus taught.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

We come in amazement of the wondrous things God is doing in the world.

All who believed were together and had all things in common;

We come with our own unique stories and histories, drawn together in God's love.

They would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

We come to learn ways we can care for God's people and creation.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the Temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

We come to share in fellowship as God's people.

And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

We come to worship God together in community.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

HYMN VU #402 We are One

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all creation, we know that all people are made in your image, but at times we fail to recognize your presence in our neighbours. Forgive us for the times we have walked by someone because they seemed different. Help us to celebrate the wonderful diversity in your creation and draw us together in your love. Gracious God, hear our silent prayers, as we confess those things that separate us from you and from each other...

SHARING TIME – The Good Samaritan

THE LORD’S PRAYER (sing together)

**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

HYMN MV #145 Draw the Circle Wide

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:25 – 37 *read by Dotty McClelland*

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat

him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

DOXOLOGY MV 104 (sung 2X) Know That God is Good
Know that God is good, know that God is good,
know that God is good, God is good,

REFLECTION Neighbours or Strangers

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Run, Mary, Run

OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN VU#154 Deep In our Hearts

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

HYMN VU #649 Walk with Me

POSTLUDE Military Escort *by Harold Bennett, arr Andrew Balent*