



**Kincardine United Church  
6th Sunday of Easter  
May 6, 2018 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** Allegretto

*G. Golterman*

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

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT** Chorale

*J.G. Walther*

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH** *(Taken from the Iona Community, used with permission)*

We are met in the presence of God, **and we do not meet alone.**  
 Invited by the insistent Spirit, **we gather to worship the risen Christ.**  
 With the saints of every age, **we gather to worship the God of love.**  
 With the Church throughout the world, **we gather to be enfolded by love.**  
 By children and babes at the breast, **God's holy name is praised.**  
 With organ, piano, choir and hearts, **God's holy name is praised.**  
 In barrios and basilicas, **God's holy name is praised.**  
 Here with our hearts and our voices, **God's holy name is praised.**  
 We are met in the presence of God, **and we do not meet alone.**  
 Because we do not meet alone, let us pray as one:  
 Generous God, you give us our voices, no two the same,  
 no finer instruments with which to praise you.

**For these we thank you, God.**

You gave us words, music, peculiar gifts with which to wound and wonder,  
 bore or bless, inspire or disable.

**For these we thank you, God.**

And in your Church you have gathered us.  
 In your community of common folk and complainers, prophets and puzzled people,  
 you have made a place for us.

**For these we thank you, God.**

So let what we say and do here, what we ponder and decide here,  
 be real for us and honest to you,  
 and prepare us for the life of the world in which you are also praised.

**Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 173** Thine Is the Glory

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

So often, O God, we live life under a cloud.

**We put a leash on our sadness,  
 taking it for a walk in the rain of our tears.**

We turn on the heat under the kettle of our fears  
**and watch our hopes steam away.**

We stir the strong tea of our despair  
**and sip on bitterness.**

Nothing truly seems worth the effort.

**Duty will shove us out of bed,  
 the dirty laundry will trip us as we go to shower,  
 and, in the evening, talking heads will shout disaster.**

Is this all there is?

**We confess, O God, that joy seems elusive and lives are washed in grey.  
 Open our eyes to the brilliant brush of your palette  
 and power our lives with purpose, we pray.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**SHARING TIME** What If?

**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**

**VOICES UNITED 818** Psalm 98 Refrain 2

**\*VOICES UNITED 591** Jesus, United by Your Grace

**BIBLE READING** Acts 10:44-48 in the New Testament on page 130

**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** "Loving Hard!"

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM** Church in the Wildwood

*arr. Mary McDonald*

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY** Prelude in d minor

*J.S. Bach*

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN 543 VU** We Give Thee but Thine Own  
**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;**  
**all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.**  
**May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,**  
**and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

All that we have, all that we are, is God's. Our task?  
 To use these things – our gifts, our lives, our love – to live God's command to love.  
**In our giving, let us forgive. In our receiving, let us find peace.**  
**In our receiving, let us forgive. In our giving, let us find peace. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 606** In Christ There is No East or West (tune #344 VU)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*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** Fugue in d minor

*J.S. Bach*