



**Kincardine United Church  
24th Sunday after Pentecost  
November 19, 2017 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** Prelude

*J.C. Kittel*

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

**GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT** Interlude

*J.C. Kittel*

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

The Christ Candle is lit, but what does it mean? Why are we here?  
**You ask the question and then we read the words provided.**

**It would seem we're here to parrot the words we've been given.**

The Christ Candle is lit, but does it touch our hearts? Why do we keep coming?

**Let us ponder that question in silence.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

The Christ Candle is lit, but does it change anything?

**It's a light that flickers. It's small and seemingly insignificant.**

**It's made of ordinary material. It's rather unremarkable.**

Embracing those qualities, let us join as one in prayer:

**We come like flickering candles, Loving God.**

**We come feeling small and insignificant in the larger scheme of things.**

**We come as ordinary folk seeking meaning in life.**

**Show us, risen Christ, as we pay attention, as we give reverence to you,  
that in our "normal" lives you give us abundance –**

**just as you gave abundantly of your very self for a broken world.**

**We come to embrace that abundance into our growing wholeness. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 218 We Praise You, O God**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison *based on previous hymn*)**

**You have been our divine companion and guide in life,**

**walking with us through each trial and tempest,**

**never forsaking us when peril overtakes us.**

**The tribute we bring is our brokenness, our openness, our honesty.**

**Hear our prayers of confession in the silence now.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**SHARING TIME "Cornering the Market"**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 847 Psalm 123 (Responsive reading)**

**\*MORE VOICES 81 Love Us into Fullness**

**BIBLE READING Matthew 25:14-30 in the New Testament page 28**

**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** "Buried by Wrong Expectations"

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM** You Are Mine

*David Haas/Hayes*

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY** Prelude

*G. Merkel*

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN 540 VU** Grant Us, God, the Grace  
Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

We are swimming in abundance, O God, through all you give us.  
Bless what we offer – our time, our talent, our treasure, ourselves, our lives –  
that we may become evermore your disciples of delight. Amen.

**\*VOICES UNITED 420** Go to the World

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG OF COMMITMENT 558 VU (v4)** We Gather Here to Bid Farewell

**POSTLUDE** Preludium

*J. Krieger*



**AV MINISTRY TEAM** 🗣️ Thank you

**COUNTERS** 🗳️ Ralph & Mary-Ann Knowles

**NOVEMBER HOUSE LEADERS** 🗳️ John Thompson and  
Catharine Crawford

**MUSIC** 🎵 David Hamilton, KUC Choir

**NURSERY ATTENDANT** ♦️ Krista and Lydia Ritchie

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER** ♦️ Krista Ritchie

**SCRIPTURE READER** 📖 Diane Clubb

**WORSHIP** 🕊️ Gord Dunbar