

Kincardine United Church

24th Sunday after Pentecost

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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

Antonio de Gabazon

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

MUSICAL INTROIT

Prelude

G. Merkel

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Welcome into this sacred space as people God nurtures into becoming.

We come to listen and to learn as we care for one another.

This is one space where we listen for good news which transforms.

We come to be nurtured in prayer by God while also holding one another closely in prayer.

Here we can learn and discern the Way of the living Christ for our living.

We come to grow in understanding even as we reach into the wider world by loving.

Let us become one in prayer:

Love is a verb, O God,

for you actively cultivate the seeds of love

you plant each moment within each and all of us.

We yearn to become cultivators with you, farmer Christ,

that we may harvest your bounty to share with others.

Open us to becoming ever more rooted within your loving kindness, O Spirit,

that we may be lovers in Jesus' name. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 299** Teach Me, God, to Wonder

SHARING TIME "The Wing" by Ray Buckley

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,

may your name be made holy, may your dominion come,

may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today the bread we need;

and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors;

and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.

For yours is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

VOICES UNITED 792 Psalm 78:1-7 (*part one only*) with refrain

***KNOWN UNKNOWNNS 73 (Tune: #591 VU)** The "Other Person"

- 1. The 'other person' Jesus saw was one the rest despised,
his virtues unidentified, her worth unrealised.**
- 2. The 'other person' Jesus saw was known for what was wrong,
not for the wrong once done to him, nor for her soul or song.**
- 3. The 'other person' Jesus saw had faith nobody knew,
and grounded hope and grateful love found only in a few.**
- 4. The 'other person' Jesus saw was meant to laugh and shout,
defy authoritarian rules and drive the demons out.**
- 5. The 'other person' Jesus sees is also known to me:
It's who I am beneath the masks and who I'm meant to be.**

**6. Come gently, Jesus, to our aid; let there be recognised
the good each 'other' has to share, even when it's well disguised.**

BIBLE READING Matthew 25:1-13 from the New Testament

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

DOXOLOGY 315 (*verse 4 only*) "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION

REFLECTION "Becoming"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Praise God Words and music Robert T. McAlpine and arranged by Don Besig

MISSION AND SERVICE STORY

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring before you, O God, all that we are and all that we have.

Bless us in our giving:

**when we comfort another,
when we celebrate, dance and gather in joy,
when we give our time to listen,
when we volunteer within this community of faith,
when we donate to the ministry and mission of this church,
when we actively care for a stranger,
when we dare to live a life of faithful self-giving.**

May you bless us as we perceive Christ's face in strangers we meet. Amen.

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

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 481 (*verse 2 only*) "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the task of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

POSTLUDE

Praeludium

J. Krieger