



Kincardine United Church

1st Sunday of Advent

November 29, 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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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** Est Ist Ein Ros' Entsprungen Johannes Brahms Op. 122, No 8**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

We come during this advent season of waiting,
 but we're tired of waiting for this pandemic to end,
 we're tired of waiting for the church building to be open once again,
 we're tired of waiting to be able to embrace one another in greeting.

We come into this digital space longing, hoping for rescue.

**We come together through our screens,
 searching for meaning which transforms our fears.**

In the gloom of our thoughts, through the preoccupation of our doom-scrolling,
 we come to prepare for a place for solace through purpose-filled healing.

We breathe deeply of Spirit breath, feeling the strength of God's presence.

We light a candle reminding us of the way of hope.

*(the first Advent candle is lit)***(Voices United #6, verse 1, we sing)**

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
 a candle of hope in November's dark night.**

**While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
 our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

Let us join as one community of faith in prayer:

Loving God, we struggle every day to live into Christ's Way.**During this season of advent, we rediscover the infant Jesus.****This is not the rescuer we yearned to discover.**

**In this vulnerable, helpless, backwoods, oppressed peasant-child,
 you chose to offer us a different vision for wholeness, for life.**

Like the feeble, flickering flame we just lit, it doesn't seem enough.

**Whisper to our hearts, inform our minds, reassure our souls
 that what you give us is more than enough and all we need.**

In your whispers, may we find endurance, courage and daring. Amen.***VOICES UNITED 1** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (*verses 1,4, 6 and 7 only*)**ASSURANCE OF GRACE****PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Silent Prayer*)**SHARING TIME** "How Wolves Change Rivers"**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 Isaiah 64:1-9 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

***VOICES UNITED 68** All Poor Ones and Humble

BIBLE READING 1st Corinthians 1:3-9 from the New Testament page 166.

DOXOLOGY NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD #236 VU (verse 3 only)
All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

MEDITATION Oops! Did I Do That?

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

Arr. Mark Hayes

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)
Loving God, you have given us everything we need.
Indeed, you have shown us the Way of humble self-giving in Christ.
Take what we offer as gifts of our hearts for Jesus' mission among us.
Weave our giving into your tapestry of hope, beautifying the world. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 49** No Crowded Eastern Street

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 37 "Gloria"
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Prelude on Darwell

Healey Willan