

# Kincardine United Church

## 25th Sunday after Pentecost

### White Gift Sunday

### November 19th, 2023

**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**

Trio

Andreas Armsdorff

**WELCOME**

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND (#2)**

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land.

Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and of their spirituality.

**We begin our worship this morning**

**by acknowledging the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.**

We are all Treaty people, parties to Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836.

**Keep us mindful of the covenants that have been made – and broken –  
with First Nations peoples.**

**May we grow into living with respect on this land,  
walking into reconciliation through peace and friendship,  
while honouring all who live, work and worship on it.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

#### **GOD GATHERS US**

**INTROIT ANTHEM**

Come, Build a Church

Ken Medema

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Come at Christ's invitation. Come, then, to become part of the Light of Christ.

**We come to follow the Way of Jesus which is life itself!**

Come those who long for meaning and purpose in community, for we are one in Christ.

**We come to welcome the risen Christ within our beating hearts.**

Come as we pray together:

**You, O God, are Love alive, Love which connects, Love that sustains.**

**As we pray, may our Love relationships – in and through you –  
foster ever deeper connections by the power of the Spirit.**

**Stitch us together so we make a difference in the world,  
creating healthy wholeness with our neighbours, friends and families. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 222** Come Let Us Sing

**SHARING TIME** "The Invisible String" by Patrice Karst, illustrated by Geoff Stevenson

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (#2)**

**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**

**MORE VOICES 16** Come and Fill Our Hearts"

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.**

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace, allelulia!**

**BIBLE READING** Psalm 123 from the paraphrase *The Message*

<sup>1-4</sup> I look to you, heaven-dwelling God,  
look up to you for help.

Like servants, alert to their master's commands,  
like a maiden attending her lady,  
We're watching and waiting, holding our breath,  
awaiting your word of mercy.

Mercy, GOD, mercy!

We've been kicked around long enough,  
Kicked in the teeth by complacent rich men,  
kicked when we're down by arrogant brutes.

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**BIBLE READING** 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:1-3 from the New Testament

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the

night. <sup>3</sup> When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

**MORE VOICES 16**            Come and Fill Our Hearts”  
**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.**  
**Come and fill our hearts with your peace, allelulia!**

**BIBLE READING**    1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:4-7 from the New Testament  
<sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup> for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup> So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, <sup>7</sup> for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

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**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.**  
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**BIBLE READING**    1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:8-11 from the New Testament  
<sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**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**            “I Dare You!”

### **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

#### **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

#### **OFFERING INVITATION**

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**A single thread seems so frail and so insignificant – something with minimal use.**  
**However, the threads of your love stitch us together into a tapestry of diverse beauty.**  
**Take these threads of your abundance that we offer back to you, O God,**  
**blessing them for your mission and ministry in the world.**  
**May we be transformed into beauty through what we offer. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 585**        Jesus Bids Us Shine

#### **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**

The Prince of Denmark's March