



*Kincardine United Church  
World Wide Communion  
October 6th, 2019 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** Communion

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**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

*(Slightly modified from the one used at Saugeen Wesley United Church)*

For thousands of years,

First Nations people have lived on this land and by these waters;

this relationship is at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

**We are gathered as a non-Indigenous community of faith**

**on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation,**

**and acknowledge their stewardship through the ages.**

We seek to live together in respect, friendship and peace.

**Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST****GOD GATHERS US****INTROIT** Dearest Jesus*J.G. Walter***LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE****CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Come at the invitation of the risen Christ who proclaimed radical community.

**As one community of faith, as people who look out for one another, we come.**

Come in unity with our siblings the world over, committed to service through loving.

**Inspired by Spirit breath, breaded together with millions around the world,  
we come.**

Come as people woven together within the fabric of all our relations as we pray:

**Gracious God, who harvests the fruits of our faithful living,****transform the whine of our worry and of our uncertainty,  
fermenting within us the wine of understanding and of daring.****Encourage us to perceive the threads of connection which bind us.****Enlighten us as we rejoice in the life of service to which you call us.****Strengthen us to walk – one with each other – the Way of Jesus. Amen.****\*OPENING HYMN** “Here in This Place (Gather Us In)” (verse 1-3)

1. **Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
  
2. **We are the young, our lives are a mystery.  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung through-out all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.**
  
3. **Here we will take the wine and the water;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion;  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**In a world focused on scarcity and on getting our little piece of the pie,  
we are often desperate, daunted and discouraged.**

**We feel discouraged when confronted by the inequities of life.**

**We feel daunted by the challenges to care for friends and strangers.**

**We feel desperate when trying to keep our own heads above water.**

**We want to be rescued from it all – to just feel safe and secure.**

**Whisper to our souls, living Christ, healing us in your wholeness.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**SHARING TIME** “Gobs of Glitter”

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** *we sing (use #1)*

**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.**

**BIBLE READING** 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:8-14 in the New Testament on page 211

**\*VOICES UNITED 427** “To Show by Touch and Word”

**BIBLE READING** Luke 17:5-10 in the New Testament on page 80

**DOXOLOGY** “Praise with Joy the World’s Creator” #312 Voices United

**Praise with joy the world’s Creator, God of justice, love, and peace,  
source and end of human knowledge, God whose grace shall never cease.  
Celebrate the Maker’s glory, power to rescue and release.**

**MEDITATION** “Living as Weeds”

**GOD INVITES US TO CHRIST’S TABLE**

**INVITATION**

This table is for everyone, a table of new light and of generous welcome.

**To this table we bring our fears and our dreaming.**

The risen Christ invites the whole human race to become light and love.

**With hundreds of millions of our siblings worldwide,**

**we are gathered by God's invitation –  
in all our diversity and in all our difference.**

The call to this table is for each person:

doubtful or certain, broken or whole, stranger or friend, neighbour or foe.

No one is barred.

All are welcome to be nourished in Christ's name.

## **PROCESSION OF BREADS**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give God our thanks and our praise.

**It is right to give God our thanks and our praise.**

God's reign among and within us has been as pervasive as a weed –  
a mustard seed of profound persistence.

When God spoke and Creation was called into being,  
the intricate web of life was woven with interdependence and in connection.

**When God commanded Abraham and Sarah to venture far from home,  
they became rooted in their growing identity as people of the Way.**

When God challenged Moses to liberate a people from oppression,  
Miriam danced in joyful celebration as they began their journey of becoming.

**When royals and rulers sought power over the people  
instead of following God's challenge to serve the people,  
like stubborn weeds, God planted prophets to disrupt their control.**

Yet still we did not listen.

In response, Jesus came to live with, among and beside us,  
showing us the reign of God is not in some heaven light years away.

God's reign is here and now – within and among us.

**Though the unfolding of our lives is a mystery –  
all of us long for wholeness.**

**We are the old and the young, we are the rich and the haughty,  
we are the meek and the humble, we are the proud and the strong,  
we are the blind and the lame, yet we are God's own together.**

**In our belonging, we find our home in the living hope of the risen Christ.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FRACTURING**

### **PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT'S BLESSING**

**Living Spirit, bless our gathering around this table of radical inclusion,  
equipping us, once again, to be salt for the earth.**

**When we eat this bread broken, may we find our brokenness healed.**

**As we drink the grape juice poured out,**

**may we be poured out through compassion for and with all people.**

**Nourish us by this sacrament that we may be holy and true. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** "Come Find Forgiveness and Love" Don Besig and Nancy Price  
*"Come to the table, Jesus is there. Come to the banquet the Lord has prepared.  
 Bring all your troubles, each worry and care. Come find forgiveness and love.  
 Come to the table, Jesus is near. Come feel his presence surrounding you here.  
 Lay down your burdens, your sorrow and fear. Come find forgiveness and love.  
 The bread has been broken, the cup has been poured,  
 and now they are offered to you.  
 The promise is spoken and hope is restored. You are redeemed.  
 All is made new. Come to the table, all who believe.  
 Come and remember, his grace makes you free.  
 Cherish this moment, this gift you receive. Come find forgiveness and love.  
 Softly and tenderly Jesus invites us, touching each heart and each soul.  
 Now in communion, our Saviour unites us, cleansing and making us whole.  
 Come take the bread, come share the cup. Come find forgiveness and love.*

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*Communion will be served at the front of the church.  
 The ushers will direct you forward using the centre aisle to receive the bread,  
 to receive the small glass of grape juice,  
 and to prayerfully partake of each in turn.  
 Please return to your seat using the side aisles.  
**Gluten-free crackers are available separately from the bread.**  
 Please let an usher know if you wish to be served in your seat.  
 An appropriate response when receiving the bread or grape juice is "Amen."*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us join together in prayer once more:  
**We have received the gift of grace at your table, O Christ.  
 Take what we have said and done here, planting it like a weed in our hearts.  
 May your mustard seed of love so persist within us,  
 that we become evermore a people in service for your reign, O God.  
 May you breathe into our souls, O Spirit,  
 a persistent passion to do your will with our siblings worldwide. Amen.**

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

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

**We bring before you, O God, our seeds of service and of self,  
 planting them deeply into the soil of your self-giving.  
 Bless our offering through these seeds of our time,  
 of our talent and of our treasure,  
 germinating them for your work and our witness in the world.  
 Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 639 "One More Step Along the World I Go"**

**\*BENEDICTION****\*SONG OF COMMITMENT** "We Are Marching" #646 Voices United

**We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.  
 We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.  
 We are marching, marching, we are marching (oo),  
 we are marching in the light of God.  
 We are marching, marching, we are marching (oo),  
 we are marching in the light of God.**

**POSTLUDE** Vulpuiis

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<b>AV MINISTRY TEAM</b> 🗨️	John & Mary Phillips, Jim Zarubick
<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b> ♦	Anne Carter, Jessie Doupe, Bev McLelland, Kendra Zurbrigg
<b>COUNTERS</b> 💰	Thank you
<b>OCTOBER HOUSE LEADERS</b> 🏠	Chris and Stephanie Hartwick
<b>MUSIC</b> 🎵	David Hamilton, Catharine Crawford
<b>NURSERY ATTENDANT</b> ♦	Thank you
<b>SCRIPTURE READER</b> 📖	Gregg McClelland
<b>SLIDE PRESENTATION</b> ♦	Sarah MacKenzie
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER</b> ♦	Thank you
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