



Kincardine United Church Thanksgiving & Worldwide Communion October 7, 2018 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 I Call to Thee

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

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 unceded territory of the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation,
the Saugeen Ojibwe and, more recently, the Saugeen Metis.**

We are all Treaty people,

parties to the Upper Canada, Haldimand, Huron and Niagara Treaties.
**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
 with all who live and work and worship on it.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT I Call to Thee

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

All around us: signs of plenty, signs of gathering in, signs of the harvest.

We come to gather the harvest of abundance, so we may share.

Everywhere within us: the presence of joy, of celebration, of love.

We come to witness the joyful celebration of Christ's self-giving love.

Around the world this day: Christians worshipping at table with deepest reverence.

We come as one, part of the world-wide movement of the Way of Jesus.

United by the Spirit's blessings, we pray together:

**God who is love, who is self-giving, who is right relation,
 open our minds to the healing carried within your reign,
 unlock our fears that we may learn to give through our trust in you,
 unbind our hearts to find ways that give of our selves. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 516** Come, You Thankful People, Come

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

We offer ourselves right here and right now, O God.

We share with you our deepest vulnerabilities,

our wildest fears, our most expansive doubts –

all our failings and foibles, our bindings and brokenness.

As you enfold our selves, love us into wholeness, we pray.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE *(based on Psalm 126)*

SHARING TIME Sharing Kisses

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 1st Timothy 2:1-7 taken from the paraphrase *The Message*

***VOICES UNITED 614** In Suffering Love

BIBLE READING Matthew 6:25-33 found in the New Testament on page 6

DOXOLOGY 217 VU All Creatures of Our God and King (verse 5 only)

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness:
 sing praises, hallelujah!

Praise God eternal, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one:
 sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

MEDITATION "Marginalizing Abundance"

GOD WELCOMES US AT TABLE

ANTHEM We Come to Say Thank You

Peter Choplin

INVITATION

Come to the table of belonging and of becoming.
 Come to Christ's table where everyone is welcome.
 Come if you are wondering or certain, if you are first time or long time.
 Come if you are young or old, if you know what's happening
 or you are confused.
 There are no barriers to this feast of abundance.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord 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.

We bless you, O God, who has given us life, for the wonders of creation.

We thank you for the richness of the fields,

for the power of growth and the goodness we gain from crops,

for all we produce for ourselves and for the world.

We give thanks for the miracle of seed and germination, of growth and ripening;
for the abundance of water and good air,
for the progress of the seasons,
and for the skills and talents with which you have endowed us.

We thank you for the abundance we enjoy –

abundance which allows us, encourages us, demands of us –

that we share your plenty with one another, especially strangers.

Thank you, O God, for the food we eat and the friends with whom we share it,
for the love and care of families and for all the joys shared therein.

We thank you, O God, who has given us life itself.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

We thank you, O God, for the gifts of friends and family –
for the relationships we treasure.

There is nourishment for our hearts in our connections.

We lift to you the names of those for whom we care,
trusting in your healing power....

...We pray either silently or out loud for all those we know in our hearts,
naming those for whom we ask your healing touch.

(Silent prayer)

PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT'S BLESSING

As we gather at table, O Christ, feed us with food for our souls.

**Through this bread and through this grape juice, may your blessings flow,
taking what we say and do here as our communion in and through you,
uniting us as one by the Spirit's power.**

We pray trusting in the welcoming embrace of your grace. Amen.

FRACTION

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, to prayerfully partake of each,
and 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 as one family of faith:

You have invited us to your table, O Christ, from all over the world.

You continue to invite us to share new life by the whispers of the Spirit.

You bless us now and always within God's abundant grace.

By sharing this meal, we welcome your transformation into our living.

Our thanks overflows as our hearts become one with each other. Amen.

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER

All around us: signs of plenty, signs of gathering in, signs of the harvest.

Bless the harvest of abundance as we share your gifts with the world.

Everywhere within us: the presence of joy, of celebration, of love –

signs of your blessings alive in our ministry of self-giving. Amen.

*VOICES UNITED 520 We Plough the Fields

*BENEDICTION

* **SONG OF COMMITMENT 145 MV** Draw the Circle Wide

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,
no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

**Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.**

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,
no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

POSTLUDE Toccata on Lobe Den Herren

H.F. Micheelsen



AV MINISTRY TEAM 🗣️	Jim & Judy Zarubick
COMMUNION SERVERS ♦	Pat Jennings, Sue Maus, and Gerry Stephens
COUNTERS 💰	Bernd & Ursula Portz
OCTOBER HOUSE LEADERS 🏠	Chris & Stephanie Hartwick
MUSIC 🎵	David Hamilton, KUC Choir
NURSERY ATTENDANT ♦	Morgan Ritchie
SCRIPTURE READER 📖	Gregg McClelland
SLIDE PRESENTATION ♦	Sarah MacKenzie
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ♦	Teresa Perfrement
WORSHIP 🕯️	Gord Dunbar, Kerry Stover