

Kincardine United Church
Thanksgiving Sunday
October 10, 2021 10:30 a.m.

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*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may sit or stand.

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PRELUDE Now Thank We All our God *J. C. Oley*

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 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

MUSICAL INTROIT A Mighty Fortress Is our God *J. G. Walther*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Happy Thanksgiving as you come into this space –
from a digital distance or here in person –
to celebrate the abundance with which God blesses us all.

**When the leaves begin to turn colour and fall,
when the temperature gets cooler and the days grow shorter,
we lean into Creation's cycle of life as God's gift.**

Come as we worship the One who shows us the Way of self-giving love.
**We come to rejoice that God has made us for one another,
 who teaches us faithfulness when sharing from our abundance.**

Let us commune with God in prayer:

In our listening, O Spirit, may we hear your whispers of becoming.

In our praying, O God, may we discover our union in you.

In our singing, O Christ, may we delight in life's possibilities.

In our living in your name, may we dedicate ourselves to your purpose. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 519** Sing to the Lord of Harvest

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME Choosing our Clothing

LORD'S PRAYER

**God within us, God beyond us, God among us,
 may the Mystery always be named and known
 among all peoples and in all times.**

May Creation give way to the rule of love and the power of life.

Satisfy our hunger, granting us a hunger to see the whole world fed.

Restore us to right relationship

with you, with Creation, with others, with ourselves.

Strengthen us to reject all that would lead us away from you.

Come to us when we choose death over life.

Give us courage to follow your call in this moment.

For in your love we find the only power,

**the only home, the only honour we will ever need,
 in this life and the life to come. Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Matthew 6:25-29 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

²⁵⁻²⁶ "If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don't fuss about what's on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds. ²⁷⁻²⁹ "Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them.

***VOICES UNITED 291** All Things Bright and Beautiful

BIBLE READING Matthew 6:30-33 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

30-33 “If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don’t you think he’ll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I’m trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with *getting*, so you can respond to God’s *giving*. People who don’t know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

DOXOLOGY Praise with Joy the World’s Creator #312 *Voices United* (verse 1 only)
**Praise with joy the world’s Creator, God of justice, love, and peace,
 source and end of human knowledge, God whose grave shall never cease.
 Celebrate the Maker’s glory, power to rescue and release.**

MEDITATION That’s All for ME?

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM We Come to Say Thank You *Peter Choplin*

WHY I GIVE

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

We offer to you, O God, these seeds of abundance.

By your blessing, may you water these seeds with living water.

**As you nourish these gifts through your Spirit, may they grow vigorously,
 giving life and purpose to a world yearning for love. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 520** We Plough the Fields

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 431 VU Sing Amen

Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.

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**Sing amen: Amen, amen, amen, amen,
 amen we praise your name, O God.**

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All our God *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*