



**Kincardine United Church
Thanksgiving Sunday**

October 11, 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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PRELUDE Jesus Christus, Unser Heiland

Buxtehude

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 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 Jesus Christus, Unser Heiland

J. S. Bach

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

I miss being here with all of you to worship together in this space.

On this Thanksgiving Sunday, despite my disappointment,

I give thanks that we are able, nevertheless, to gather in the digital realm.

We gather without coming; we gather without touching, but we gather.

In our gathering, we become a digital web of connection, of becoming.

Come, then, as those united by the Spirit.

Come, then, as followers of the Way of Jesus, blessed by God's grace.

We give thanks for the wisdom of friends and of strangers,

for the collective passion of so many within this family of faith.

We give thanks for life itself.

In our thanksgiving, let us join together in prayer as one:

Loving, living God, enfold us within your embrace of self-giving.

Inspire us with your creative insight within life's unfolding.

Fill us with your generosity to contribute to the greater whole.

Strengthen us for the challenges of each day,

encouraging us to dare extravagantly for love.

We ask it all in Jesus' name – the one who gave fully of himself. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 218** We Praise You, O God

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME "Cutting Corners"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and what shall be.

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and forever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Psalm 26 in the Old Testament on page 503.

- ¹ Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
- ² Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and mind.
- ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.^[a]
- ⁴ I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;
- ⁵ I hate the company of evildoers,
and will not sit with the wicked.
- ⁶ I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O LORD,
⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
- ⁸ O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.
- ⁹ Do not sweep me away with sinners,
nor my life with the bloodthirsty,
¹⁰ those in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.
- ¹¹ But as for me, I walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
- ¹² My foot stands on level ground;
in the great congregation I will bless the LORD.

***VOICES UNITED 595** We Are Pilgrims

BIBLE READING Proverbs 3:5-10 in the Old Testament on page 586.

- ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
- ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
- ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
- ⁸ It will be a healing for your flesh
and a refreshment for your body.
- ⁹ Honor the LORD with your substance
and with the first fruits of all your produce;
- ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

DOXOLOGY ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

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 Wisdom for the Road**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND****ANTHEM**

"We Come to Say Thank You"

Peter Choplin

Thank you, O Lord, we come to say, "Thank you." For all you've done we say, "Thank you, thank you today for all the blessings you send our way." Thank you, O Lord, we come to say, "Thank you." For all you've done we say, "Thank you, thank you today for all the blessings you send our way." For the beauty of the earth, for the glories of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, stars of heavenly light.

Thank you, O Lord, we come to say, "Thank you." For all you've done we say, "Thank you, thank you today for all the blessings you send our way." For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely giv'n, for the great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven, endless joy in heaven! Thank you, O Lord, we come to say, "Thank you." For all you've done we say, "Thank you, thank you today for all the blessings you send our way." Thank you, O Lord, we come to say, "Thank you." For all you've done we say, "Thank you, thank you today for all the blessings you send our way, for all the blessings you send, we thank you, Lord. We thank you, Lord!"

COMMUNITY PRAYERS**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND****OFFERING INVITATION****OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

**Loving God, bless the bounty of these gifts we offer back to you.
In your blessing, may we help to transform the world and ourselves.
Be our vision and our passion as we joyfully give, we pray. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 646 words adapted We Are Loving**

BENEDICTION**SONG OF COMMITMENT 431 "Sing Amen"**

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

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

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

POSTLUDE Prelude on Nun Danket Alle Gott

Sigfird Karg-Elert