

# Kincardine United Church

## Thanksgiving Sunday

October 16, 2022 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** Siciliana

G. Goltermann

### **WELCOME**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge that we are gathered  
on the traditional territory of First Nations Peoples –  
Peoples who have lived on this land and by these waters for  
thousands of years.

**We gather as a non-Indigenous community of faith  
on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe Nation,  
giving gratitude for their stewardship through the ages.**

We are newcomers to this land and we have gained so much in coming.

**Our gain, however, has come at a great cost to First Nations Peoples.**

We acknowledge that we have gained much within racist systems of our creation,  
systems which have benefitted those who are white, Christian and heterosexual.

**Our acknowledgement is only the beginning of our journey toward reconciliation,  
toward healing of all our relations with those we have belittled in this culture.**

Our words must now be followed up with action.

**We pray the Holy Spirit breathes forgiveness, hope and love  
into all our relations and sets us free from the evil of colonialism.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Christ be with you

**And also with you.**

**GOD GATHERS US**

MUSICAL INTROIT      I Call to Thee      *Marcel Dupré*

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## PRAYER OF APPROACH

We come before you, O God, seeking the strength and courage you have offered us.

**Strength and courage we need to live and learn in this world.**

A world that is at once beautiful and difficult, bountiful and cruel.

**Enter our hearts as we worship today, with your wisdom, your love, and your hope.  
Stay with us and guide us forever, for the sake of our Saviour Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN VU #575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God promises us grace and forgiveness. God gives us light.

**We are loved and forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we admit .....

.....how hard it is at times to sacrifice even a little on behalf of the rest of the world.

**Forgive us our apathy toward the world, our neighbours, and even ourselves, O God.**

**Open our minds and hearts to your wisdom, we pray. Turn us away from our wants, and turn us towards helping. Help us work to satisfy the needs that surround us. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## SHARING TIME – Survivor Flag Third Teaching

## THE 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

RESPONSIVE PSALM page 840 #119 Part 4, Refrain 4

**EPISTLE** 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

\***HYMN VU #264** Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

**GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 18:1-8

**DOXOLOGY** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty VU #315 verse 4

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky  
and sea,**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

**MEDITATION** Persistence

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS.** Based on The New Creed

God, we humbly pray,

**We are not alone. We live in your world and so**

We pray for the health of the earth, upon which all of life depends.

We pray for all who touch the earth as farmers, miners, foresters, fishers, and backyard gardeners, that we all may remember that you are with us, and that this is your world.

**We are called to be the church.**

We pray for all who gather in your name, who seek to do your will. May we, like seeds, be full of promise, be whole, and grow in fertile soil as examples of your goodness in your world.

**We are called to celebrate God's presence.**

We are amazed by your consistency!

We pray for awareness of your presence in the world, in the beauty of flowers, the singing of birds, the scents and flavours of foods, in our tinglings of feelings.

**We are called to live with respect in Creation.**

We understand that we are just one part of the balance of your creation.

We pray that we may understand how to live respectfully with all life here.

May we learn to live interdependently and justly with our neighbours.

**We are called to love and serve others.**

We, now, are the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

We pray for the caregivers, whose kindness, mercy, and compassion demonstrate your love.

We pray for those who suffer, who are oppressed, who are marginalized.

May we, like seeds planted in good soil, receive what is needed to live meaningful lives that serve you.

**We are called to seek justice and resist evil.**

We live in a world of conflict and injustice.

May we recognize opportunities to build peace and reconciliation.

We pray for the peacemakers and justice-seekers who bring your message of peace, love, and holy wisdom through courageous and inspiring actions.

**We are called to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

We are inspired by Jesus, a seed of love, who demonstrated compassion through his actions, educated for justice through his parables, and is our living hope through his death.

We offer to you O God, the prayers that we carry silently in our hearts (silence).

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.  
Amen.**

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM**    Glory Be To The Father                      Jay Althouse

### **OFFERING TESTIMONY AND INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (by Wendy MacLean) *(in unison)*

**With these gifts, God, we bring our hopes for a world where there is enough for all.  
Enough bread for this day, enough trust for tomorrow, enough joy to fill your people with  
song, enough faith to know that these gifts to you are your gifts to us.  
Magnify them in your name, to heal, to create, and to bless. Amen.**

**\*HYMN MV #85** Take, O Take Me As I Am (Three times)

### **BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT** Sent Forth By God's Blessing VU 481 Verse 2

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
The tasks of our every day 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** Toccata on Lobe Den Herren            *H.F. Micheelsen*