

# Kincardine United Church

## 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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**Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.**

\*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may rise in body or spirit.

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**PRELUDE** Prelude G. Merkel

### **WELCOME**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

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 Ojibwe 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**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Please feel free to share the Peace of Christ with those around you.

## **GOD GATHERS US**

**INTROIT**     Interlude     J.C. Kittell

### **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Susan Tyndall, Delburne U.C., Hwy 21 Cluster, Delburne, Alta

### **A NEW CREED**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and  
Risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The call to worship resounds in our lives,

**vibrating in our hearts, stirring the comfort of our days.**

We are called out -

**challenged to recognize the shortcomings in our lives by our God who  
is always merciful and forgiving.**

We are called upon -

**encouraged to serve our compassionate God, to acknowledge the injustice in our world and to seek to push back against it.**

We are called in –

**invited to worship our generous God, whose arms are always open, whose embrace is always waiting to enfold us in love.**

**Come let us answer the call.**

Gill Le Fevre, Walton Memorial U.C., Oakville, Ont.

### **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

O Holy One, we come before you this day – to calm our minds and hearts so we may better feel your presence and sense the gentle touch of the Holy Spirit within us:

**To quiet the anxiety of our souls so we may better receive your wisdom, which nudges us toward compassionate discipleship.**

To rejoice in the incredible sacrifices of your beloved Son, who was made to cleanse our sinful souls;

**To remember the simply beauty of Christ's message that to love him is to know you;**

To draw closer to the mystery of you, Lord, which is a celebration of the wonder of your limitless love;

**And to accept the wondrous gift of your freely offered grace, which helps us remember that we are never alone on our journey. Amen**

Barabara Johns, Queenswood U.C., Orleans, Ont.

**VOICES UNITED** #264 Immortal, Invisible God, Only Wise

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We gather now, Loving God, ready to be transformed in your name.**

**We are ready to experience how your love can change us; our beings, our lives and our world. Open each one of us this day to the power of your love; may we be infused with its fullness and filled with its potential. As we come to fully know you and your love, we also come with a sense of guilt, for we have not always loved as you love us. We have seen moments of potential and searched for failure. We have moved away from love and been drawn in by hate. We have forgotten how much you love us and been swallowed by self-loathing. Forgive**

**our foolish ways. Draw us deeper into your love, once more, and bring us to wholeness and live in your love. Amen**

Heather McClure, Wesley U.C., Montreal, Que

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Heather McClure, Wesley U.C., Montreal, Que

**SHARING TIME**     The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

David Sparks, Summerland, B.C.

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 104, Page 826, Parts 1 and 2 (no refrain)

*Part One (1-9)*

Praise God, O my soul.

**Eternal God, you are great indeed.**

You clothe yourself with light like a garment.

**You spread the heavens like a tent;**

**you lay out the beams of your dwelling  
on the waters above.**

You make the clouds your chariot,  
and ride on the wings of the wind.

**You make the winds your messengers,  
and flames of fire your servants.**

You fix the earth on its foundations,  
so that it can never tremble.

**You cover the earth with the ocean as with a cloak.**

When the waters covered the mountains,  
they fled at your rebuke;

**at the sound of your thunder, they took flight.**

They flowed over the mountains, ran down the valleys  
to the place you had appointed for them.

**There you set limits not to be passed,**

**that they might not again cover the earth.**

*Part Two (24-35)*

O God, how manifold are your works!

**With Wisdom at your side you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

There lies the great and mighty Sea,  
teeming with living things both great and small.

**Upon it sail the ships, and there is Leviathan,  
the monster you made to play in it.**

All these look to you,  
to give them their food in due season.

**What you give them they gather up.  
When you open your hand,  
you fill them with good things.**

But when you hide your face they despair.  
When you take away their breath, they die,  
and return to dust.

**But when you send out your spirit, they live again,  
and you renew the face of the earth.**

May your glory, O God, endure forever.

**May you rejoice, O God, in your works.**

When you look at the earth it trembles,  
**when you touch the mountains they smoke.**

I will sing to God as long as I live.

**I will praise my God while I have being.**

**VOICES UNITED** #651 O Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

**BIBLE READING Mark 10:35-45**

<sup>35</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, "You

do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup> They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

**DOXOLOGY VU #315 (verse 4) *Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty***  
**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**          Hallmarks of Discipleship

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

### **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**ANTHEM**          Everywhere I Go          Traditional spiritual          Public domain

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

Bill Steadman, St. Andrew's U.C., Sudbury, Ont.

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gracious God, we know that our gifts make a difference to each other and to others in your world. We give to support the ministry of this congregation. We give to support your ministry of love in the world. We give that others might live with hope. Receive and bless our gifts,**

**and with them, the offerings of our hearts. We ask it in Jesus' name.  
Amen**

Bob Root, Peterborough, Ont.

**MORE VOICES #136** When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace

## **BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT VU #481** Sent Forth By God's Blessing (Verse 2)  
**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living the tasks of our  
everyday life we will face. Our faith every 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** Prelude in C major BWV 553 J.S. Bach