



Kincardine United Church
Peace Sunday

October 25, 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

arranged and played by Nathan Williams

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

For thousands of years, First Nations peoples have walked this land,
weaving their identity and their spirituality intimately with the land.

**European colonisation came about in large part
because of the Doctrine of Discovery,**

a flawed understanding that ignores Indigenous presence on the land.

Affirming the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
and, therefore, repudiating the wrong of such a doctrine,
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 In Dich Hab Ich Gehoffet, Herr BWV 640

J. S. Bach

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Welcome back after a Sunday worshipping online elsewhere,
 worshipping with 140 of our sibling communities of faith in our Region,
 celebrating new ministers and new ministries.

**Even though we are still distanced although digitally connected,
 we missed our familiar surroundings and we're glad to be back.**

As we move deeper into the fall season,
 witnessing the falling leaves and feeling the cooling temperatures,
 we take time to celebrate God's bounty among and within us.

**We come, then, to cherish the gifts we share with one another,
 to treasure the riches of our relations as a body of living faith.**

As we come, let us join together in prayer:

**In some ways, O God, we look at the growing bareness of the trees,
 wondering what to expect in the fallow time of winter yet to come.**

We have experienced the circle of life that keeps renewing.

**We hope for that same renewing among and within each of us,
 but also within this, our family of faith.**

**As we gather digitally for worship,
 may we keep discovering your gifts as we weave them into a whole,
 as we uncover wisdom in our giving for sharing.**

In our weaving, as we follow your pattern, may we be made whole. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 371** Open My Eyes, That I May See

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Silent Prayer)

SHARING TIME "Figuring It Out"

THE LORD'S PRAYER (use #2)

**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 Psalm 126 from the paraphrase *The Message*

***VOICES UNITED 686** God of Grace and God of Glory

BIBLE READING Ephesians 4:11-13 in the New Testament on page 194

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 in the Round

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM "O Lord Increase My Faith"

Orlando Gibbons

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

WHY I GIVE Mary and John Phillips

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

You, O God, have given us so many gifts and such a bounty of possibility.

We come before you to return a portion of what you have given.

Bless what we offer, enriching our hearts with the will to generosity,

proclaiming in action and in deed your expansive love to the world.

May what we give be blessed for the transformative Way of Jesus. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 657** He Leadeth Me

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

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