



Kincardine United Church
World Wide Communion
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PRELUDE

Communion

Charles Gounod

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously
the commitments made to First Nations communities
through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,
especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

**Therefore, we acknowledge, this day,
that we gather for worship**

**on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,
and the other Indigenous peoples who preceded them –**

the original nations of this land –
and we acknowledge, with respect,
their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Four Preludes: Number 1

J. C. Kittel

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come into this place of worship and know we are not alone.
Christians around the world gather today to celebrate World-Wide Communion.

We come to immerse within the holy Mystery who is wholly Love.

Come from living rooms, from offices, from bedrooms, from backyard decks –
come from wherever you are as we commune over the distance.

**We come despite missing one another so deeply –
missing the conversation, the hugs and handshakes,
the small talk and the deeper sharing –
yet knowing we are part of the Spirited whole.**

Come as we pay attention to God's eternal presence as we pray:

**Loving God, who is Holy Mystery,
beyond complete knowledge and above perfect description,
in love, may you embrace us within life-giving relationship.**

Tend us as you mend us. Enlighten us as you transform us.

**May we become the harmony of be-loving which sings of your good news. Open our hearts
to other diverse hearts,**

making us beacons of self-giving love for one another worldwide. Amen.

***MORE VOICES** 154 Deep in Our Hearts

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME "Jesse's Surprise Gift"

THE LORD'S PRAYER (we sing)

**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 Colossians 3:4-11 in the New Testament on page 201

***VOICES UNITED 372** Though I May Speak

BIBLE READING Colossians 3:12-14 in the New Testament on page 201

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 Loving Out Loud

CHRIST INVITES US TO GATHER AT TABLE

INVITATION

Come as people invited into the story of self-giving.

Come as people led by the Suffering Servant,
the one who's very narrative brings new life.

Come as people who gather at Christ's table around the world,
for all are welcome and none are excluded.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give God our thanks and praise.

It is right to give God our thanks and our praise.

Our story is God's story, so we remember.

The infant universe was our cradle and our nursery.

The baby Moses – protected by his teenaged sister –
became a leader who freed an enslaved people.

The boy Samuel listened to God and shared tough wisdom.

The Psalmist declared that "a child will lead them."

Whenever we needed God's presence,

God was there in the gift of love,

**speaking through the voices of stories alive,
interpreted through the eyes of children.**

When there were times of homelessness and wandering,

when there were times of violence and rejection,

when there were times of homecoming and welcome,

God was there in the gift of love,

in the giving away of what was most precious.

When people sought ever more land, ever more power,
and ever more prestige;

When people of faith looked more to legalisms and laws,

ignoring the aching needs of others;
 When people yearned to listen to the story of faith,
 pushing aside the criticisms of others;

**God was there in the gift of love,
 in the assurance that we are *all* special in God's eyes,
 that God's narrative lives within hearts transformed.**

When new influences and difficult circumstances challenged,
 when uncertainty and doubt moved in,
 when security and certainty seemed the only shelter,

**God was there in the gift of love,
 teaching us deep connection with God and each other,
 showing us our narrative rooted in God's heart.**

Yet fire and division rent us asunder as we turned away from Love.

In our worrying about how to make ends meet in this pandemic,
 we couldn't hear God's belief in us.

In our desire to continue to do things as we have always done,
 we couldn't hear Jesus' call to healing in new life.

In our need to build ourselves up in order to tear others down,
 we couldn't hear the Spirit's truth within us that we are in this together.

We forgot our story.

We forgot that God is within us as the gift of love self-given.

Yet God did not forget.

God gave God's own self – unconditionally – in Love,
 that we might once again remember our story and our identity.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

In our living every day, we endeavour to bring love, healing, joy and hope.

In our prayers, we seek understanding and comfort for others,
 shining the Light of Christ in times of need
 as caring and honest friends to one another.

**As we listen to the words and the harmonies of this morning's anthem,
 hear our silent, heart-felt prayers, O God,
 as request and as trust in your response for ourselves and for others.**

(Silent prayer during the anthem)

ANTHEM As I Live

Anne Walker

-performed by Catharine Crawford and Rad Michielson

PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT'S BLESSING

Let us pray together:

Help us, Loving Spirit, to remember our story.

**As we share these ordinary elements at Christ's table this morning,
 may you bless us with your constant companionship,
 with your guiding light,
 with your embrace of grace,
 with your inspiration into transformation. Amen.**

FRACTION AND PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

Please take your bread and beverage you have prepared and partake.

If you have others with you, serve one another in love.

As you partake, remember the Way of Jesus as our own path of becoming.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray, once more, together and united at table:

Through communion with you, O Christ, we are made new.

Through what we have said and done, we remember your self-giving.

Through your Spirit, we become empowered in your name,

to go into the world to tell our story and yours.

Thank you, God of Love. Amen.

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

We dedicate these gifts returned to you, O God,

as signs of our fierce love for others, as our protection of human dignity,

as our community of faith becoming an instrument of your mending,

as our commitment to Christ's mission of self-giving.

Bless us and what we give as our response to your abundant love. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 506** Take My Life and Let It Be

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 the hymn tune Vulpius

Healey Willan