

Kincardine United Church

Thanksgiving Sunday

October 8, 2023 11:00 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

Prelude on Nun Danket

J. C. Oley

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.

As we came to this land,

First Nations peoples welcomed us, sustained us and taught us.

We did not hear them when they shared their vision.

In our zeal to tell them the good news of Jesus Christ,

we were closed to the value of their spirituality.

We confused Western ways and culture

with the depth, breadth, length and height of the gospel of Christ.

We imposed our civilization as a condition of accepting the gospel.

As a result, the image of the Creator in us is twisted, blurred,

and we are not what we are meant by God to be.

In our journey toward reconciliation, we acknowledge, this day,

that we gather for worship

on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,

as well as 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

Liebster Jesu

Marcel Dupré

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Welcome into this building where memory has drenched the very foundations.

We come to this church – our family home – to worship God who guides us.

Within this building, we celebrate Christ's gospel shared with our community.

We come to celebrate – with thanksgiving – lives formed and transformed.

Let us come as a community of faith in prayer:

Thank you, God, because the harvest is plentiful if we learn to perceive it.

The Spirit opens us to understand:

through the work of committees and of ministry teams,

within circles of trust and at tables of hospitality,

by listening ears, loving companionship and generous sharing

we continue to become a cloud of witnesses to your good news.

May the risen Christ continue to strengthen and encourage us, we pray. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 516** Come, You Thankful People, Come

SHARING TIME Our Family Home

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 2nd Corinthians 9:6-15 from the New Testament

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;

his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and

pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

***KNOWN UNKNOWNNS 12 (Tune: #273 VU)** Come, Host of Heaven

- 1. Come, Host of heaven's high dwelling place, come to be our honoured guest, and make this place your welcome home where lives are changed and blessed.**
- 2. Surround these walls with faith and love that, through the nights and days, when human voices cease to speak the stones may echo praise.**
- 3. Inspire in us, for Jesus' sake, true kindness and real peace, and all the joys that know the depth in which all sorrows cease.**
- 4. Here may the loser find his worth, the stranger find a friend; here may the hopeless find her faith and aimless find their end.**
- 5. Build, from the human fabric, signs of how God's kingdom thrives, and how the Holy Spirit changes life by changing lives.**
- 6. So, to the One who holds the world in safe and gracious hands, be glory, honour, love and praise for which this company stands.**

BIBLE READING Luke 17:11-19 from *The Message*

¹¹⁻¹³ It happened that as he made his way toward Jerusalem, he crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ Taking a good look at them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests."

They went, and while still on their way, became clean. One of them, when he realized that he was healed, turned around and came back, shouting his gratitude, glorifying God. He kneeled at Jesus' feet, so grateful. He couldn't thank him enough—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷⁻¹⁹ Jesus said, "Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider?" Then he said to him, "Get up. On your way. Your faith has healed and saved you."

DOXOLOGY 217 VU (verse 5 only) "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, hallelujah!**

PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION

REFLECTION "Do We Have an Edifice Complex?"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM

Give Thanks

John F. Wilson

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

What we give back to you from your bounty, O God,

we pray you bless as the plenty of our harvest.

May the grain we harvest be replanted to nourish the world.

May the fruit we pluck become plucky witnesses for your self-giving.

May the legumes we gather become the pulse of new life for those on the margins.

Bless us all as we give of our selves in Jesus' name. Amen.

*VOICES UNITED 520 We Plough the Fields

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT "Go Now in Peace" by Don Besig and Nancy Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Praise to The Lord the Almighty H. F. Micheelsen