

# Kincardine United Church

## Thanksgiving Sunday

October 9, 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**    **Prelude on Nun Danket**    **J.C. Oley**

**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**

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

***(and also with you.)***

## GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT    Liebster Jesu    *J.G. Walther*

### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Come in, find a space for rest in this sacred place. Come with your fears, your anxiety, your trepidation. Come knowing that this space is safe.

**We leave our cares at the altar. We find comfort in community.**

God knows our weariness. God feels our fatigue. Rest now. Take a deep breath. There is no battle to be fought here, no argument to be won. Just a place where the Spirit holds us in her care.

**May the Spirit's arms wrap around us so that we can rest and breath again.**

This is sacred space, made sacred by the generations of tears, laughter, silence and song. This is a holy space.

**We recognize it. We soak it in. We remember that we helped make it like this.**

With our hearts at peace, we open ourselves now to the presence of God, the one we gather to worship, the one who guides us forward.

**This is a sacred space where all are welcome within a community that brings out our most beautiful selves.**

### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN** VU #296 This is God's Wondrous World

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

**Give us more, has been the plea.**

**More money, more power, more material things.**

**Your world has forgotten your promise that you will provide us with all that we need.**

**Forgive us for not trusting in your promise of abundance.**

**Instead of sharing, we have hoarded and wasted.**

**Instead of reaching out, we have turned away.**

**Instead of sowing seeds of peace, we have joined in the war.**

**Forgive us, O God of Mercy.**

**Enable all to move toward living within the abundance you have given and leave fear of scarcity behind.                      Amen**

*Cheryl Hutchcroft, Oakridge U.C., Vancouver B.C.*

### SHARING TIME PART ONE OF THE SURVIVOR'S FLAG

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (say together)**

**Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**Thy kingdom come, they 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 every Amen**

**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 100 VU #824

**HYMN**

VU #236

Now Thank We All Our God

**BIBLE READING**

Acts 20:35, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:6-8, Matthew 25:34-40

<sup>35</sup> In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

<sup>6</sup> The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

<sup>7</sup> Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

<sup>8</sup> And 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.

<sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

<sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

<sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing?

<sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

<sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.

**DOXOLOGY** VU #440 – Verse 5  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**  
**In heaven above and earth below,**  
**One God, three persons we adore**  
**Be praises given for evermore.**

**MEDITATION:** Receiving Until It Hurts Daniel T. Hans

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

**HYMN** VU #236 Now Thank We All Our God

**ANTHEM** Give Thanks  
*Words & music by Henry Smith Choral setting by John F. Wilson*

### **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

God of Creation. We are humbled by your faithful love for us all.

**You leave no one out of your loving embrace.**

We are grateful for the various gifts we have of friendships, mentors, teachers of every age; all those who care for us, and all those who care for those who have no one.

**The needs are many, your love is bountiful in us to own and pass on to others.**

Your creation astounds us in its beauty and colourful wildness.

**We give thanks for all its aspects...**

Water, oceans, lakes and rivers, cascading waterfalls, quiet streams; all are gifts to be care for and respected.

**We respect the waters that give life.**

Air that gives us breath and gives life to many species besides humans.

**We respect the air that the whole world breathes.**

Fire that consumes but refreshes life in its wake; it can cook food yet leave us homeless.

**We respect the fire and its warmth and energy.**

Earth that is our home, given by the Creator for the well-being of all life; its beauty overwhelms, its mountains and plains curve around our hearts to be well and to keep it well.

**We respect the earth, our home.**

We sing thanksgiving for all your gifts to us as humans, charged with being caretakers of it all.

**May we learn to respect all of it, including all the humans who walk with us on this great planet.**

In awe, we are humbled and joyful for the love you share among us, and in us, and with which you surround us.

**We are grateful, Creator, for your living in all these gifts that make us who we are**

**and that connect us to you and to each other.**

**Creator who made us, thank you. Amen**

Diane Trollope, Sudbury, Ont.

## **OFFERING INVITATION**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)**

**On this Thanksgiving Sunday, we celebrate**

**the bounty of the earth,**

**the love of family and friends,**

**the grace that surrounds our lives,**

**and the opportunity to be a means of grace in the lives of others.**

**Through these offerings, may your love and grace be known**

**here and around the world Amen**

Beth W. Johnston, Hantsport P.C., Hantsport, N.S.

**HYMN VU #226 For the Beauty of the Earth**

## **BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT VU 419 verse 1 May the Grace of Christ**

**May the grace of Christ our Saviour,**

**and our Maker's boundless love,**

**with the Holy Spirit's favour,**

**rest upon us from above.**

**POSTLUDE Prelude on Nun Danket S. Karg-Elert**